

## Quendall Terminals Superfund Site, Operable Unit 1 Proposed Plan



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## Proposed Plan for Public Comment

### 1. Introduction

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing a plan for the cleanup of the Quendall Terminals Superfund Site (Quendall Site or Site) and is inviting the public to review and comment on the Proposed Plan. The Site is a former creosote-manufacturing facility located on Lake Washington near Renton, Washington (Figure 1-1<sup>1</sup>). Facility operations, including transport of raw materials in, and finished creosote product out of the Site, have resulted in contamination of soil, groundwater, and sediment at the Site.

This Proposed Plan provides background information on the Site and the cleanup process for Operable Unit 1 (OU1), describes the cleanup alternatives that were evaluated, identifies EPA's Preferred Alternative, and explains the reasons for this preference. The topics covered by this Proposed Plan are shown in the inset box below.

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## Public Comment Period: Now through January XX, 2019

### Where to review the Proposed Plan:

The Administrative Record, which contains the Proposed Plan and other documents that support the basis for the Preferred Alternative, is available for public review at the following locations:

- Renton Public Library
   100 Mill Avenue South
   Renton, WA 98057
   425-430-6610 (call for hours)
- EPA Superfund Records Center
   1200 Sixth Avenue
   Seattle, WA 98101
   800-424-4372, extension 4494 (call for appointment)
- Online: https://www.epa.gov/superfund/quendail-terminal

### **How to Comment on the Proposed Plan:**

Written comments may be submitted at any time during the public comment period (now through January XX, 2019) by U.S. mail or email to one of the following recipients:

- U.S. Mail: Kathryn Cerise, US EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155, ECL Mail Code 122, Seattle WA 98101
- Email: quendalicomments@epa.gov

### Public Meeting, Saturday, January XX, 2019:

EPA will hold a public meeting to present the information provided in this Proposed Plan, take comments from the public, and provide the public the opportunity to ask EPA questions. EPA will accept oral and written comments at the public meeting.

January XX, 2019

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.—Open House and Poster Session 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.—Presentation and Q&A Session Risdon Middle School

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Newcastle, WA 98056

Additional meeting information will be published in the *Renton Reporter* and *Bellevue Reporter*, as well as on EPA's website. <sup>2</sup>

 $<sup>^{</sup>m 1}$  Tables and figures are located at the end of this document.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.epa.gov/superfund/quendall-terminal

The Site is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, near the northernmost limits of the City of Renton, Washington (Figure 1-1). The Site includes two OUs: OU1 comprises the upland portion of the Site, and OU2 comprises the portion of the Site extending into the adjacent lakebed and sediments of Lake Washington. This Proposed Plan identifies EPA's Preferred Alternative for OU1 to address contamination in soil and groundwater in the uplands portion of the Site. The Proposed Plan for EPA's Preferred Alternative for OU2 will be provided in a separate document.

A Proposed Plan is a document that EPA is required to issue under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), also known as Superfund, and the regulations that implement CERCLA, known as the National Contingency Plan (NCP). By issuing the Proposed Plan, EPA fulfills the statutory and regulatory requirements of CERCLA § 117(a) and the NCP § 300.430(f)(2).

EPA is the lead agency at the Quendall Site, and the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) is the supporting agency. EPA, in consultation with Ecology, may modify the Preferred Alternative or select another response action presented in this Proposed Plan based on new information or public comment. The Muckleshoot Tribe has been invited to consult.

This Proposed Plan highlights key information from the remedial investigation (RI) and feasibility study (FS) reports. The reader should consult the RI/FS reports and documents in the administrative record for more information regarding the proposed remedial action.

EPA is inviting input and new information from the public on all alternatives and on the rationale for the Preferred Alternative. Public comments are important and can help shape the cleanup plan. EPA wants to hear from you and will consider public comments before making a final cleanup decision for the Site. EPA will accept comments through January XX, 2019.

EPA will consider comments received and present the selected remedial actions in a Record of Decision (ROD). EPA's response to public comments will be provided in a Responsiveness Summary, which will be part of the ROD. Information on how to provide comments or questions to EPA is presented in the inset on page 1.

## The Superfund Process

The Superfund process, as established by CERCLA and the NCP, is structured to guide the cleanup of contaminated sites. The process includes defined steps,

illustrated at right, leading from discovery of a site, through investigation, remedy selection, and implementation of a remedy. The NCP includes procedures, expectations, and program management principles to guide the process. EPA has developed technical guidance and policy on a range of issues so that decisions are based on sound science and to ensure that cleanup actions will ultimately be protective of human health and the environment.

## Summary of Preferred Alternative

EPA proposes to use a combination of two different methods to clean up soils containing dense nonaqueous phase liquid (DNAPL) at the Site. Both involve treatment in place—or in situ. The first method is called Self-sustaining Treatment for Active Remediation—or STAR—which is a process that uses a smoldering combustion reaction (similar to charcoal burning in a grill) to destroy

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certain types of oily contaminants like creosote and coal tar where they exist underground. The combustion process basically converts these chemicals into carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and water, which are then captured and treated as part of the process. The second method is *in situ* solidification—or ISS—which is a treatment process that immobilizes site contaminants in soil by mixing in amendments to the soil and solidifying the soil into a stabilized mass (similar to a concrete block). Potential amendments include bentonite and cement. Amendments can be mixed with soil in place using large-diameter augers.

In addition to treatment of the contaminant source (DNAPL), a 3-foot permeable cap would be placed over parts of OU1 where lower level soil concentrations remain above risk-based concentrations. In addition, groundwater would be monitored to verify that the

remedy is performing as intended (that is, concentrations of contaminants of concern [COCs] are decreasing over time). These proposed remedial actions are estimated to cost approximately \$66.1 million using a present value 7 percent discount rate.

## 2. Site Background

This section summarizes the Site history and associated releases of contamination, emphasizing Site features and characteristics that informed EPA's selection of the Preferred Alternative presented in this Proposed Plan.

## Site History

The Quendall Site (Figure 2-1) is located on Lake Washington in the northernmost limits of the City of Renton, within a former industrial area that now includes residential and commercial uses. The physical address is 4503 Lake Washington Boulevard North. In addition to the portion of the Site owned by Quendall Terminals (referred to as the Quendall property), the Site also includes the Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way to the east (referred to as the Railroad property) and state-owned aquatic lands to the west.

The upland portion of the Site encompasses approximately 22 acres, is relatively flat, and occupies the middle portion of a roughly 70-acre alluvial plain that has been modified over the last 90 years by filling and grading. Shortly after the lowering of Lake Washington in 1916 to construct the Lake Washington Ship Canal, the Site, including newly exposed portions of the former May Creek delta, was developed into a creosotemanufacturing facility. May Creek originally ran through the Site to Lake Washington until it was diverted to the south of the property prior to 1936. From 1969 to approximately 1983, some of the aboveground storage tanks at the Site were used intermittently for storage of crude oil, waste oil, and diesel fuel. From 1975 to 2009, the Site was used primarily for log sorting and storage. The Site is currently vacant and fenced.

### Historical Releases of Contaminants

Contaminant releases at the Site are primarily related to historical creosote-manufacturing processes and associated activities. Creosote manufacturing was conducted at the Site from 1916 through 1969. Coal and oil-gas tar residues (collectively referred to as coal tars) were distilled into three fractions that were shipped offsite for a variety of uses or transported to the neighboring J.H. Baxter & Co. site for use in wood-treating operations. The light distillate fraction was typically used as a feedstock in chemical manufacturing. The middle distillate fraction was used in the wood-preserving industry. The bottom fraction,

or "pitch," was used for applications such as roofing tar (Hart Crowser, 1994 as referenced in Aspect and Arcadis, 2016). At Site locations where product transport, production, storage, and/or disposal were performed, coal tars and distillate products were released to the environment. Figure 2-2 shows the locations of historical Site features, and Figure 2-3 presents a timeline of Site operations.

Releases of coal tars and distillate products occurred in five upland areas as follows (see **Figure 2-2** for site features referenced below):

- Coal tar was distilled, and creosote and light distillates were transferred to surrounding tanks via piping near the former Still House. A pipeline was present between the tanks west of the former Still House and the property to the north of the Site (formerly occupied by J.H. Baxter & Company, which operated a wood-treatment plant at that location from 1955 until 1982). This pipeline was used to transport creosote for wood-treatment processes. Reported releases include product spills and leaks directly onto the earthen floor of the Still House (CH2M, 1983 and Ecology, 1989 as referenced in Aspect and Arcadis, 2016).
- Apparent historical spills occurred at the former railroad tank car loading area east of the Still House.
   The loading area was situated on a trestle built over May Creek. A solid material-loading platform was located further north along the tracks.
- Wastes from historical operations were released into the former May Creek Channel, located south of the former Still House and storage tanks. Wastes from nearby tanks were reportedly placed in the eastern portion of the former channel, and the western portion of the channel reportedly received creosote wastes discharged from the former Still House sewer outfall. Waste from the former May Creek Channel area has migrated into adjacent Lake Washington.
- The former Still House cooling lines released influent into the north and south sumps; this effluent sometimes contained creosote and tars. Shortly after the plant shut down, approximately 50 truckloads of material were excavated from the north sump and disposed of at the Coal Creek Landfill. The south sump was reportedly filled in before 1950 (Hart Crowser, 1994, as referenced in Aspect and Arcadis, 2016). There were no reports that any materials were removed from the south sump before it was filled in.
- Quendall Pond, located near the shoreline, was constructed in 1972 as an area where tank bottoms from nearby storage tanks were placed. This area also

received wastes from north sump overflows. Waste from the Quendall Pond area has migrated into adjacent Lake Washington through the subsurface and possibly by overland surface water flow.

Some solid wastes were also disposed of at the Site. Heavy tar produced by the distillation process was cooled and solidified in pitch bays located north of the Still House. The waste pitch, also called Saturday coke, was chiseled out and reportedly placed near the Site shoreline (CH2M, 1983 as referenced in Aspect and Arcadis, 2016). Solid tar products have also been observed in shallow soils around the northern railroad loading area, where solid products were loaded onto railcars.

After the creosote plant was closed in 1969, all structures, except for six aboveground storage tanks and the office, were demolished. Petroleum was stored at the Quendall Site using the remaining tanks for approximately 13 years—from 1969 to 1982. While spills of petroleum product were reported around the aboveground storage tanks, light nonagueous phase liquid (LNAPL) has not been detected the Site.

### 3. Site Characteristics

This section describes the physical setting, current and potential future uses, natural habitat functions, and volume and type of contamination at the Site.

## Physical Setting

The Site is located within the Puget Sound Lowland. Much of what is now the upland portion of the Site was formerly the lakebed of Lake Washington before the lake was lowered 9 feet in 1916, which exposed the alluvial delta of May Creek.

Two aquifers are recognized at the Site:

- Shallow Aquifer is present from approximately 30 to 50 feet below ground surface (bgs).
- Deep Aquifer occurs to a depth of approximately 140 feet bgs.

Groundwater generally flows horizontally across the Site from east to west, ultimately discharging to Lake Washington.

### Current and Future Site Uses

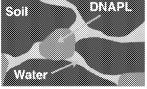
Currently, the Site is vacant and unused, and has been fenced and access restricted. Land use surrounding the site is commercial and residential.

Groundwater beneath the Site and Lake Washington is designated as potable water; however, neither is currently used as a source of drinking water. City of Renton and Coal Creek Utility District serve Site facilities and all surrounding properties.

#### What are NAPLs?

Nonaqueous phase liquids (NAPLs) are contaminants like oil, gasoline, and petroleum products that do not dissolve in or easily mix with water. Dense NAPLs (DNAPLs) are liquids more dense than water and will sink in water or groundwater.





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NAPLs can be found in two different forms: mobile, or free phase, which is a continuous mass of NAPL that can migrate through the saturated soil; and immobile, or residual phase, which is NAPL sorbed to soil particles that will continue to dissolve into the aquifer and is difficult to physically remove without removing soil.

Source: Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council. 2015. Integrated DNAPL Site Characterization and Tools Selection. www.itrcweb.org/DNAPL-ISC tools-selection

The Site is located on prime upland and shoreline property that is one of the last developable properties on Lake Washington in an urban area with high development pressures. The current owners will likely work with a third party to redevelop the Site for residential and commercial uses after cleanup. A development plan (Century Pacific LLLP, 2012) that includes multifamily housing, retail space, restaurant space, and parking is under consideration. Thus, it is important to implement a cleanup protective of residential and commercial uses.

### Natural Habitat Functions of the Site

Upland vegetation consists primarily of early successional species and invasive species, including large stands of Himalayan blackberry and Scotch broom. Because of the most recent log-handling and storage uses in the uplands, large deposits of wood debris cover access roads and storage areas. Riparian vegetation is generally present across the Site shoreline.

Several wetlands are present at the Site (Figure 3-1), many within 100 feet of the shoreline (defined as the "habitat area").

### Contamination in Site Media

The primary product manufactured at the Site was creosote—a thick, oily liquid distilled from coal tar. Creosote contains several hundred individual chemicals, including benzene, naphthalene, and benzo(a)pyrene. Most creosote present in the soil and groundwater is in the form of an oily DNAPL, which is present within the shallow alluvium (delta deposits) to depths up to approximately 30 feet bgs. Approximately 377,500 gallons of DNAPL are estimated to be present within OU1. **Figure 3-2** illustrates the estimated areal extent of Site DNAPL occurrences.

Chemicals associated with the DNAPL have dissolved into the groundwater. Contaminant concentrations measured at the Site are summarized in **Table 3-1** (soil) and **Table 3-2** (groundwater).

Benzene, naphthalene, carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs), and arsenic are the primary COCs at the Site. The organic COCs (benzene, naphthalene, and cPAHs) originated from creosote and coal-tar releases. Arsenic is believed to have been released from natural soil deposits as the groundwater conditions changed in response to the presence of creosote and coal-tar, and due to naturally occurring organic delta deposits. Arsenic was also introduced to the surface soil through the use of sodium arsenate products for weed control over OU1 for many years (CH2M, 1983 and Hart Crowser, 1994 as referenced in Aspect and Arcadis, 2016). Arsenic in deeper groundwater may also be coming from the Barbee Mill property from the South.

In groundwater and soil, the highest concentrations of benzene, naphthalene, and cPAHs have been detected in the Shallow Aquifer (Figure 3-3), and at the top of the Deep Aquifer (Figure 3-4), within and downgradient of DNAPL-impacted soil and sediment. Figure 3-5 presents the estimated extent of groundwater contamination for primary COCs along a representative cross section (parallel to groundwater flow in the center of the Site).

## Principal-Threat Waste

CERCLA regulations establish the expectation that treatment will be used to address the principal threats posed by a site whenever practicable. EPA guidance defines principal threat waste (PTW) as source materials considered to be highly toxic or highly mobile that generally cannot be reliably contained or would present a significant risk to human health or the environment should exposure occur. EPA has determined that DNAPL and DNAPL-impacted soil (that is, either oil-wetted or oil-coated) such as those present at the Site are to be considered PTW based on the large mass present, the mobility of the DNAPL, and the toxicity of the chemicals found in the DNAPL.

## 4. Scope and Role of Operable Unit 1

This Proposed Plan identifies EPA's Preferred Alternative and other cleanup alternatives considered for OU1. OU1 remediation will address soils containing DNAPL and contaminated groundwater beneath the upland portion of the Site. OU2 cleanup will address Site-related contaminated sediment and surface water in adjacent Lake Washington. EPA split the Site into two OUs because

each OU represents distinctly different geographic areas. Different but complementary cleanup strategies will be employed in the two OUs, and different factors may influence the timing of remedy implementation in each OU. EPA's Preferred Alternative for OU2 will be addressed in a separate Proposed Plan. It is likely that the OU1 and OU2 remedies will be implemented concurrently, with OU1 beginning construction first.

### How does EPA Assess Risk?

Human health and ecological risk assessments estimate the health risks to people and the environment from exposure to contaminants either now or in the future. For EPA studies, "risk" is the possible harm to people or wildlife from exposure to chemicals. Two types of health risks for people are evaluated: (1) the risks that can cause cancer and (2) the risks that can cause other health effects. EPA evaluates only nanconcer risks to wildlife.

EPA uses the results of a risk assessment to evaluate whether the contamination at a site poses an unacceptable risk to humon health or the environment under CERCLA. The CERCLA regulations provide a range of risk numbers to evaluate if cleanup of a site is necessary. EPA established an "acceptable" extra cancer risk range, from 1 in 10,000 (1 x 10 4) to 1 in 1,000,000 (1 x 10 5) of developing cancer from exposure to site contaminants at a site over a person's lifetime.

For nonconcer health effects, EPA calculates a hazard quotient (HQ) or hazard index (HI) for both humans and wildlife. A hazard index is the sum of the hazard quotient for several chemicals that have the same or similar effects. The nonconcer hazard index of 1 is a threshold below which EPA does not expect any nonconcer health effects. If the hazard quotient or hazard index is 1 or higher, then exposure to site contaminants could be a risk to human or wildlife health.

## 5. Summary of Site Risks

Baseline human health and ecological risk assessments were performed as part of the RI for the Site following standard EPA guidance. Multiple exposure pathways by which people (human receptors) or wildlife (plants and animals, or ecological receptors) could be exposed to contamination at the Site were evaluated.

### Human Health Risks

The baseline human health risk assessment (HHRA) evaluated the following potential exposure scenarios:

- Future residents
- Future occupational/office workers
- Future construction/excavation workers

EPA default exposure assumptions were used to evaluate these scenarios. The HHRA evaluated the

potential cancer and noncancer effects to humans (see inset on the following page).

The results of the HHRA indicated that excess lifetime cancer risk (ELCR) estimates exceed one in 10,000 for all three of the scenarios, ranging from two in 10,000 (construction/ excavation worker) to greater than 8 in 10 (groundwater exposure for the future resident) (Table 5-1). The primary chemicals contributing to risk are cPAHs, naphthalene, and arsenic. The noncancer hazard index (HI) ranges from 2 (future occupational user) to nearly 8,000 (groundwater exposure via inhalation for the future resident, if a house were built over the most contaminated location found at the Site).

### **Ecological Risks**

For the baseline ecological risk assessment (ERA), a selection of plants, invertebrates, birds, and mammals were selected as receptors of concern and further evaluated to determine whether and to what degree they may be at risk from contaminated media at the Site.

Ecological hazard quotients (HQs) were estimated using multiple lines of evidence, including comparison of bulk soil (for soil invertebrates and terrestrial plants) to screening levels, and use of an exposure model approach that compared estimated total dietary intakes with literature toxicity reference values.

Results of the baseline ERA indicated that risks for terrestrial birds (robin and red-tailed hawk) and mammals (eastern cottontail rabbit, meadow vole, short-tailed shrew, racoon, and coyote) exceed an HQ of 1. The primary risks are polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in soil. No threatened or endangered terrestrial-dependent species have been identified at the Site.

## Basis for Proposing a Remedy

EPA's judgment is that the Preferred Alternative, or one of the other active measures considered in this Proposed Plan, is necessary to protect public health or welfare and the environment from actual or threatened releases of hazardous substances into the environment.

A significant volume of DNAPL is estimated to be present in Site soil (approximately 377,500 gallons). The primary objectives for taking action in OU1 are to address PTW in soil, prevent exposure to contaminants in soil by people and wildlife, restore Site groundwater to its highest beneficial use, and protect Lake Washington by preventing further releases of DNAPL and the associated groundwater contaminants to sediment and surface water.

For media and pathways that pose a human health risk, the individual chemicals that pose an ELCR of 1 in 1 million

(that is, 1 x 10<sup>-6</sup>) or greater were identified as human health COCs. Chemicals that exceeded an HQ of 1 for either human or ecological receptors were also identified as COCs. **Table 6-1** lists the COCs by medium. The primary human health risks throughout the Site are cPAHs, naphthalene, benzene, and arsenic. The greatest risks are for future residents from exposure to groundwater (drinking and showering) and indoor air (vapor intrusion). The primary ecological receptor risk drivers throughout the Site are PAHs, represented as both individual chemicals and as total PAHs, with the greatest risks for small birds and mammals from exposure to surface soil (ingestion of worms and other soil invertebrates).

## Remedial Action Objectives and Preliminary Remediation Goals

## Remedial Action Objectives

In accordance with the NCP, EPA developed remedial action objectives (RAOs) to describe what the cleanup is expected to accomplish to protect human health and the environment. RAOs help focus the development and evaluation of remedial alternatives and form the basis for establishing preliminary remediation goals (PRGs). Final RAOs and cleanup levels will be included in the ROD.

One of the expectations to be considered by EPA is the ability of remedial alternatives to address PTW to the extent practicable. PTW is defined at this Site as <u>all DNAPL</u>, including oil-coated and oil-wetted <u>soil/sediment</u>. The RAO for PTW is listed below first (RAO 1), followed by RAOs for groundwater and soil.

- Following are the RAOs for OU1:

   RAO 1—Reduce migration of COCs from DNAPL to
- groundwater to levels that allow restoration of groundwater to meet PRGs.
- RAO 2—Restore groundwater to its highest beneficial use (drinking water) by meeting PRGs in the shallow alluvium and deeper alluvium aquifers within a reasonable period of time.
- RAO 3—Reduce to acceptable levels the risk to future residents from direct contact or incidental ingestion of COCs in surface and subsurface soil.
- RAO 4—Reduce to acceptable levels the risk to terrestrial wildlife from direct contact or incidental ingestion of COCs in soils or soil invertebrates.
- RAO 5—Reduce to acceptable levels the human health risk from inhalation of vapors from groundwater and/or soils contaminated with COCs.
- RAO 6—Reduce concentration of COCs in soils that may migrate to surface water to meet PRGs for protection of surface water.

### **Preliminary Remediation Goals**

PRGs are numeric target goals (contaminant concentrations specific to a particular media) used during the initial development, analysis, and selection of cleanup alternatives. PRGs were developed during the Site investigation and cleanup planning process and are based on applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs). Where standards do not exist, risk-based concentrations (RBCs) were developed. ARARs are briefly discussed in the section titled "Compliance with Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements." ARARs will be outlined in detail in the ROD.

PRGs are intended to protect human health and the environment by achieving risk reductions associated with each RAO. New or different requirements may be identified during the public review process that may modify the PRGs. Remediation goals are considered preliminary until the ROD, at which time they may be revised or adopted as final cleanup levels. PRGs were identified based on the most stringent ARAR, or if no ARAR is available, the lowest RBC based on either carcinogenic effects or noncarcinogenic effects, as described below.

**Table 6-1** lists PRGs for soil and groundwater. They are intended to reduce risk and comply with ARARs as follows:

- Soil—The PRGs for soil are primarily human health RBCs, based on cancer risk of 1 x 10<sup>-6</sup> and an HQ of 1, calculated using the exposure assumptions of the HHRA residential scenario. Also included are a state background value (for arsenic) and ecological RBCs, back-calculated from the ERA, when they are lower than residential PRGs.
- Groundwater—The PRGs for groundwater are either maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) or RBCs calculated using the exposure assumptions of the HHRA residential scenario.

### 7. Remedial Alternatives

Several technologies were considered for use at this Site and are incorporated into the remedial alternatives that were evaluated by EPA:

- For soil containing DNAPL, three technologies were included:
  - In Situ Solidification (ISS). Using ISS technology, creosote/coal tar and contaminants in soil are solidified in place. This is done by injecting material very similar to cement into the ground and mixing it with the contaminated soil using

large augers. This has become a common way of addressing pockets of contamination at sites with oil creosote and coal tar contaminants.

- Self-sustaining Technology for Active
  Remediation (STAR). STAR is a thermal oxidation
  process that results in the destruction of the
  target contaminant through a smoldering
  combustion reaction. The net products of thermal
  oxidation are carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide,
  water, and heat.
- Excavation and Thermal Treatment. Excavation removes contaminated materials. Excavated materials may be thermally treated (heated), either at the site or at an offsite facility, to destroy organic contaminants within the soil. This would be used for alternatives that excavate large amounts of soil.
- For groundwater, one technology was included:
  - Pump and Treat. Groundwater would be extracted and treated prior to disposal.

A **soil cap** was included for all alternatives. About 3 feet of clean material would be placed over areas of the site where soil cleanup goals are exceeded to prevent exposure to contaminated media.

These remedial technologies were packaged into five alternatives for OU1.<sup>3</sup> EPA evaluated these alternatives, as outlined below, along with the baseline No Action Alternative (Alternative 1):

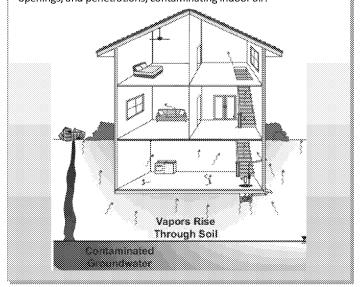
- Alternative 1 No Action.
- Alternative 7 PTW Solidification: treatment of all PTW via ISS and soil capping.
- Alternative 7a PTW STAR or Solidification: in situ treatment of all PTW via STAR or ISS and soil capping. This is EPA's Preferred Alternative.
- Alternative 8 PTW Removal: treatment of all PTW via removal/onsite ex situ thermal treatment, and soil capping.
- Alternative 9 Solidification and Removal of PTW and Contaminated Soil: treatment of all PTW and contaminated soil via ISS or removal/onsite ex situ thermal treatment and soil capping.
- Alternative 10 Removal of PTW and Contaminated Soil: treatment of all PTW and contaminated soil via removal/onsite ex situ thermal treatment, soil capping, and active groundwater treatment.

 $<sup>^{</sup>m 3}$  The FS included Alternatives 2 through 6 that ranged from containment (capping) to various degrees of targeted PTW treatment or removal. These

alternatives did not meet RAO 2 and associated ARARs and were therefore eliminated from further consideration.

#### WHAT IS VAPOR INTRUSION?

Vapor intrusion is a way that chemicals in soil or groundwater can get into indoor air. Some chemicals can give off vapors or "volatilize" from groundwater at or near the top of the groundwater table and travel through soil and into nearby buildings through cracks, openings, and penetrations, contaminating indoor air.



The cost analysis in this Proposed Plan includes operations and maintenance (O&M) for 100 years. A considerable amount of preparatory and general construction work will be required to implement any of the alternatives. A set of "common elements" are described first since they are included in all alternatives, except Alternative 1 – No Action. The following section titled "Common Elements" briefly describes the common elements for each alternative.

### Common Elements

The following subsections present remedial components that are common to all alternatives.

### Preconstruction Activities

Preconstruction activities, including obtaining permits, developing health and safety and other work plans, mobilizing and demobilizing equipment, and developing 100 percent remedial design drawings and specifications.

### Redevelopment Assumptions

The Site is currently vacant and unused. The uplands portion of the Quendall Terminals Property likely will be redeveloped upon construction completion. Based on Site zoning and the most recent development plan, the future grade would likely be higher to meet the grades on adjacent properties and to allow installation of a gravity sewer system. As a result, excess material that may be

generated during some remedies (for example, an increase in soil volume during solidification) can likely remain on the Site. This was considered in developing alternatives.

Post-remediation Site development is also assumed to include impermeable <sup>4</sup> engineered surfaces, such as roadways, sidewalks, parking lots, and building foundations. Future buildings would likely include deep foundation elements (for example, driven pilings) that would be designed to ensure that they are compatible with the cleanup.

Vapor intrusion will need to be assessed or mitigated for any new construction, as indoor air modeling conducted in support of the RI indicated that exceedances of air PRGs for benzene and naphthalene are possible for future structures if vapor controls are not implemented. If redevelopment occurs, installation of vapor intrusion mitigation systems will likely be more cost-effective than monitoring.

### Shoreline Habitat Considerations

Several wetlands are present at the Site. All alternatives were designed to minimize filling these wetlands to the extent practicable, but some filling would be necessary under all of the alternatives (except Alternative 1). Also, impacts to existing shoreline habitats within the 100-foot shoreline area will also be minimized, but some impacts likely will be necessary to complete the Site cleanup. As a result, mitigation will be required pursuant to the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404(b)(1) to offset these impacts. All alternatives assume that the entire shoreline and the area landward 100 feet (the habitat area, see Figure 3-1) would be excavated and recontoured to allow for development of functional wetland and riparian habitat following cleanup and would remain undeveloped (about 3.5 acres). Habitat mitigation plans will be developed in the remedial design phase of the cleanup process. All alternatives (except Alternative 1) consider the CWA 404(b)(1) statute and its requirements, and all such alternatives included provisions for future habitat along the Quendall shoreline.

Remedial components planned and/or selected for the habitat area would need to consider potential access and use limitations. Accordingly, some potential remedial components of the FS alternatives may not be compatible with future habitat areas. For example, repair and replacement of sediment caps along the shoreline may require periodic use of heavy equipment that could cause degradation of the habitat area. EPA,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> However, future "green" development regulations may require that some surfaces such roads and sidewalks be constructed of permeable or semipermeable materials.

the Muckleshoot Tribe, and Trustees would need to agree that such access for purposes of installation, operation, and maintenance were acceptable. This is considered in the evaluation of alternatives.

For alternative development and evaluation, the following assumptions regarding habitat were made:

- The habitat area would consist of a 100-foot-wide corridor along the shoreline. Remedial components requiring future access for monitoring or maintenance, such as groundwater extraction wells, would be placed outside and east of the habitat area.
- Caps in the habitat area could require clean material
  to a minimum depth of 3 feet below current grade.
  Whether or not a soil cap would be necessary for the
  habitat area would be determined as part of remedial
  design, and in conjunction with the design for habitat
  and wetland mitigation. For example, cap designs
  would need to accommodate grade changes for
  potential wetlands and include a root zone for plants.
- Filling onsite wetlands likely will be necessary to complete the Site cleanup (refer to Section 8).
   Mitigation for the loss of the Site wetlands will be required pursuant to CWA Section 404(b)(1). The mitigation plan will be developed and approved in concert with EPA, Ecology, Department of Natural Resources, and the Muckleshoot Tribe.

Potential Generation of Hazardous Waste During Remediation

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)regulated listed wastes may be generated by remedial
activities that remove soil above the groundwater table
in the footprint of the north and south sumps. In
addition, RCRA-regulated characteristic wastes and
Washington state dangerous wastes may be generated
by remedial activities that remove soil or sediment
containing DNAPL. For the FS cost estimates including soil
disposal, it was assumed that the RCRA-regulated wastes
described above would be disposed of at a hazardous
(Subtitle C) landfill and that other soil could be disposed
of in a nonhazardous (Subtitle D) landfill. The final
disposal site would be selected following waste
characterization determination and testing.

Waste management will be carefully considered during remedial design, especially with regard to cost implications.

### Institutional Controls

Institutional Controls are administrative and/or legal mechanisms intended to minimize the potential for people to be exposed to contamination by limiting land or resource use, and to maintain the integrity of the engineered components of the remedy. Institutional

controls will be required for all alternatives and will be an important part of the overall Site remedy because varying degrees of contamination exceeding cleanup levels will initially remain onsite for all alternatives. EPA recommends that where it may provide greater protection, multiple institutional controls should be used in combination, referred to as "layering".

Many types of institutional controls may be applied at the Site to control human exposure pathways, including government controls, proprietary controls, enforcement and permit tools, and informational devices. The nature and geographic extent of restrictions that may be needed will depend on the cleanup alternative selected and anticipated future uses. Institutional controls for groundwater will remain in place until groundwater is restored.

Institutional controls will likely include surface and subsurface soil prohibitions regarding disturbance of caps and subsurface soils. The areas where contaminated soils have been solidified are not expected to require a soil cap but would require prohibitions against any action that may compromise the integrity of the solidified soil. As noted under redevelopment assumptions above, a vapor intrusion assessment or mitigation (engineering controls) will also be required for any new construction.

### Accuracy of Cost Estimates

Cost estimates in this Proposed Plan are based on conceptual designs presented in the FS and have an accuracy range of -30 to +50 percent. For an item with an estimated cost \$100,000, this means that the actual cost is expected be between \$70,000 and \$150,000.

### Inspections, Monitoring, and Reporting

At the Site, monitoring will require at a minimum:

- Inspecting soil cap integrity and sampling to determine whether uncapped areas remain below cleanup levels.
- Monitoring groundwater for site COCs to assess the interim performance of the Quendall remedy.

For all alternatives, monitoring activities described above would also be conducted after significant natural events, such as earthquakes; 5-year reviews will be required in perpetuity.

### **Alternatives**

This section describes the alternatives evaluated by EPA. Alternatives 7 through 10 treat or remove all of the DNAPL, which is expected to immediately and substantially reduce contaminant concentrations and allow for achievement of the RAO for groundwater in a reasonable timeframe. EPA believes that once the DNAPL

is treated or removed, groundwater should meet cleanup levels within a reasonable timeframe (25 to 30 years), except arsenic, which naturally occurs at high levels at the site. The benzo(a)pyrene plume is closely associated with the occurrence of DNAPL; therefore, when the source is treated or removed, it is anticipated that the benzo(a)pyrene plume would be largely removed. Groundwater monitoring will include an evaluation of background arsenic concentrations.

The O&M costs and the total estimated present-value costs were developed using a 7 percent discount rate. The durations presented in this discussion include time for the remedial design.

### Alternative 1—No Action

Estimated Capital Costs: 50

Estimated O&M Costs S0

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Estimated Construction Timeframe: 0 years

Estimated Time to Achieve RAOs: Not applicable

As required under the Superfund law, a "no action" alternative is evaluated to compare cleanup alternatives with baseline Site conditions. Under Alternative 1, no further action would be taken for OU1. Alternative 1 is not considered protective and does not meet ARARs or achieve RAOs.

### Alternative 7—PTW Solidification

Estimated Capital Costs, \$65,300,000

Estimated O&M Costs \$700,000

Total Estimated Present-Value: \$66,000,000

Estimated Construction Timeframe: 4.4 years of

design/construction

Estimated Time to Achieve RAOs: Ready in 5 years for anticipated reuse; RAO for groundwater expected to be met in reasonable timeframe since all known DNAPL is addressed

Alternative 7 includes the following components:

- ISS of all known PTW to stabilize source material causing contamination in both the Shallow and Deep Aquifers (8.9 acres).
- Soil cap where COCs exceed PRGs in surface soil, to maintain protectiveness.

Alternative 7 treats approximately 377,500 gallons of DNAPL (100 percent of total volume).

No active groundwater treatment is included in Alternative 7 because by stabilizing all of the DNAPL in soil, contaminant concentrations will be immobilized, resulting in significant reductions to groundwater contaminants and achievement of PRGs in groundwater in a reasonable timeframe (25 to 30 years). Groundwater would be monitored to verify that the remedy is performing as intended (that is, concentrations of COCs are decreasing over time).

O&M would include cap inspections and groundwater monitoring. **Figure 7-7** provides an overview of Alternative 7.

Preferred Alternative 7a—PTW STAR or Solidification

Estimated Capital Costs: \$65,400,000

Estimated D&IVI Costs \$700,000

Total Estimated Present-Value: \$66,100,000

Estimated Construction Timeframe: 5 years of

design/constitution

Estimated Time to Achieve RAOs: Ready in 5 years for anticipated reuse; RAO for groundwater expected to be met in reasonable timeframe since all known DNAPL is addressed

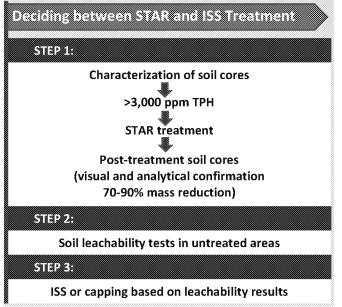
Alternative 7a was added to the list of remedial alternatives by EPA following an effort to evaluate other *in situ* treatment technologies that may provide benefits in addition to ISS. This alternative includes an innovative, *in situ* destructive treatment technology known as Self-sustaining Treatment for Active Remediation (STAR). STAR is a patented technology based on the principals of thermal destruction by smoldering combustion (analogous to charcoal burning in a grill). It can be used to treat DNAPL above or below the water table.

In summer 2018, EPA conducted a field pilot study of STAR and demonstrated that STAR can achieve reductions of 73 to greater than 99 percent for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) and 80 to greater than 99 percent for lighter fractions, which are the contaminants impacting groundwater. These reductions are consistent with other thermal technologies and ISS. The study indicated that a single STAR ignition point where TPH concentrations are greater than 3,000 parts per million (ppm) has a radius of influence (treatment) of 7 feet. The field pilot study also confirmed that the DNAPL source strength is highly variable. Therefore, EPA believes that using either STAR or ISS, depending on DNAPL source strength, is best strategy for addressing all of the PTW in OU1.

### Cost Estimates and Discount Rates

The cost estimates in this Proposed Plan are present-value costs, calculated using a 7 percent discount rate, as required by EPA policy and guidance. Applying a discount rate to calculate the present value of future construction costs impacts the overall cost estimate and has the greatest effect on alternatives with high costs in the future.

STAR is a "surgical" treatment strategy that works best in DNAPL-contaminated soil with high source strength. It will be used for soil where TPH concentrations are greater than 3,000 ppm. ISS is a more general treatment strategy and would be used for low source strength PTW areas. STAR treatment would be completed and verified first, then soil in areas not successfully treated by STAR (see text box below) as well as those outside of STAR targeted areas (<3,000 ppm TPH) would undergo leachability testing to decide whether to treat with ISS.



EPA considers STAR to be more effective than ISS for addressing high strength source areas because:

- PTW is destroyed instead of just immobilized.
- Groundwater cleanup levels, expected to be achieved in a reasonable timeframe, will be achieved sooner, as PTW is destroyed rather than solidified in place.
- Contaminants with the highest source strength are not brought to the surface during mixing, and vapors are controlled.

Using a combination of STAR or ISS is also superior to simply using ISS (Alternative 7), which would result in a very large solidified block covering nearly 9 acres to depths up to 36 feet. The block would alter groundwater and surface water flow and may create surface water ponding, potentially causing problems for future development.

Alternative 7a destroys or solidifies approximately 377,500 gallons of DNAPL (100 percent of total volume).

For the purposes of developing a cost estimate, it is assumed that STAR will be used to treat approximately 57 percent of PTW and ISS will be used to treat the remainder. The actual areas for STAR will be based on TPH concentration identified during remedial design and during STAR pre-treatment characterization.

Like Alternative 7, Alternative 7a would include a soil cap where COCs exceed PRGs in surface soil (to maintain protectiveness). No active groundwater treatment is included in Alternative 7a because, like Alternative 7, treating all of the DNAPL is expected to immediately and substantially reduce contaminant concentrations and allow for achievement of PRGs in groundwater in a reasonable timeframe (25 to 30 years). Groundwater would be monitored to verify that the remedy is performing as intended (that is, concentrations of COCs are decreasing over time).

O&M would include cap inspections and groundwater monitoring. Figure 7-8 provides an overview of Alternative 7a.

Alternative 8—PTW Removal and Ex Situ Treatment

Estimated Capital Costs: \$99,400,000

Estimated O&M Costs \$600,000

Total Estimated Present-Value: \$100,000,000

Estimated Construction Timeframe: 4.3 years of design/construction

Estimated Time to Achieve RAOs: Ready in 5 years for anticipated reuse; RAO for groundwater expected to be met in reasonable timeframe since all known DNAPL is addressed

Alternative 8 is similar to Alternatives 7 and 7a in that it addresses all PTW and includes a soil cap. However, instead of in situ treatment, Alternative 8 includes:

- Removal of PTW by excavation to address source material causing contamination to both the Shallow and Deep Aquifers (8.9 acres).
- Onsite ex situ thermal treatment of the excavated materials (210,000 cubic yards); contaminants in the off-gas would be incinerated.
- Shoring and dewatering to facilitate the excavation.
- Soil cap where COCs exceed PRGs in surface soil, to maintain protectiveness.

Alternative 8 removes and treats approximately 377,500 gallons of DNAPL (100 percent of total volume). It is assumed that thermal treatment of the excavated soil would remove DNAPL, but the treated soil could still exceed PRGs and require containment (such as capping).

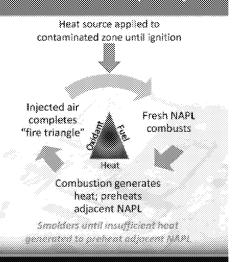
No active groundwater treatment is included in Alternative 8 because removal of the DNAPL is expected to immediately and substantially reduce contaminant concentrations and allow for achievement of PRGs in groundwater in a reasonable timeframe (25 to 30 years). Groundwater would be monitored to verify that the remedy is performing as intended (that is, concentrations of COCs are decreasing over time).

O&M would include cap inspections and groundwater monitoring. **Figure 7-9** provides an overview of Alternative 8.

## Self-sustaining Technology for Active Remediation (STAR)

Contaminant-destructive technology premised on 'self-sustaining smoldering'

- A flameless controlled combustion (think charcoal grilling)
- DNAPL containing creosote-like contaminants is fuel for combustion Oxidation process is controlled by air supplied to the subsurface
- Energy release and air injection propagates combustion process through the subsurface
- Reaction products: carbon dioxide and water



Alternative 9—Solidification and Removal/Ex Situ Treatment of PTW and Contaminated Soil

Estimated Capital Costs 5218,600,000

Estimated O&M Costs: \$600,000

Total Estimated Present-Value: \$219,200,000

Estimated Construction Timeframe: 9.3 years of

design/constitution

Estimated Time to Achieve RAOs: Ready in 10 years for anticipated reuse; RAO for groundwater expected to be met in reasonable timeframe since all known DNAPL and contaminated aquifer materials are addressed

Alternative 9 is more aggressive than Alternatives 7, 7a, and 8, and includes the following components:

- Removal of shallow upland PTW and contaminated soil (to 15 feet bgs) by excavation to address media causing contamination to the Shallow Aquifer (14.2 acres).
- Onsite ex situ thermal treatment of the excavated materials (340,000 cubic yards); contaminants in the off-gas would be incinerated.
- Shoring and dewatering to facilitate the excavation.
- ISS of deep upland PTW and contaminated soil (14.2 acres).
- Soil cap where COCs exceed PRGs in surface soil, to maintain protectiveness.

Alternative 9 removes and treats approximately 377,500 gallons of DNAPL (100 percent of total volume).

No active groundwater treatment is included in Alternative 9 because treatment and/or removal of the DNAPL and contaminated soil is expected to immediately and substantially reduce and/or immobilize contaminant concentrations and allow for achievement of PRGs in groundwater in a reasonable timeframe (25 to 30 years). Groundwater would be monitored to verify that the

remedy is performing as intended (that is, concentrations of COCs are decreasing over time).

O&M would include cap inspections and groundwater monitoring. **Figure 7-10** provides an overview of Alternative 9.

Alternative 10—Removal and Ex Situ Treatment of PTW and Contaminated Soil, and Groundwater Extraction and Treatment

Estimated Capital Costs: \$301,100,000

Estimated O&M Costs S8,200,000

Total Estimated Present-Value: \$309,300,000

Estimated Construction Timeframe: 10.8 years of

design/construction

Estimated Time to Achieve RAOs: Ready in 12 years for anticipated reuse; RAO for groundwater expected to be met in reasonable timeframe since all known DNAPL and contaminated aquifer materials are addressed, and pump and treat provides a polishing step to accelerate the timeframe

Alternative 10 is the most aggressive alternative and includes the following components:

- Removal of PTW and contaminated soil by excavation to address media causing contamination to both the Shallow Aquifer and Deep Aquifer (14.2 acres).
- Onsite ex situ thermal treatment of the excavated materials (705,000 cubic yards); contaminants in the off-gas would be incinerated.
- Temporary sheet pile, shoring, and dewatering to facilitate the excavation.
- Soil cap where COCs exceed PRGs in surface soil, to maintain protectiveness.
- Groundwater extraction and onsite treatment to address contamination remaining at depth below excavated areas and speed restoration timeframe.

Alternative 10 removes and treats approximately 377,500 gallons of DNAPL (100 percent of total volume). The addition of deep groundwater extraction and treatment is considered a polishing step, not anticipated to have a significant impact since most of the contamination is addressed via removal of the source material and contaminated aquifer materials.

O&M would consist of pumping and treating groundwater, groundwater monitoring, and cap inspections. **Figure 7-11** provides an overview of Alternative 10.

## 8. Comparative Analysis

This section describes the criteria used by EPA to compare the alternatives, and the relative performance of each alternative against the criteria. More detailed analyses can be found in the FS report (Aspect and Arcadis, 2016).

### Comparative Analysis of Alternatives

This section summarizes the comparative analysis of alternatives using the threshold and balancing criteria listed previously. <sup>5</sup>

Overall Protection of Human Health and the Environment

Alternative 1 does not satisfy the threshold criterion for overall protection of human health and the environment.

Alternatives 7 through 10 treat or remove all known PTW, the primary source of groundwater contamination. While there are some uncertainties regarding restoration timeframes for Alternatives 7 through 10, it is expected that these alternatives would achieve PRGs within a reasonable amount of time (25 to 30 years). The residual dissolved groundwater plume (benzene and naphthalene) remaining after source treatment is expected to be reduced by >86% by volume and >98% by mass (FS model, Table A-7). Groundwater monitoring will be conducted to verify that concentrations are declining and that PRGs will be met.

Alternative 7 would solidify all known PTW, limiting leachability, but does not remove the contaminants. Alternatives 7a through 10 include either *in situ* thermal destruction in addition to solidification (Alternative 7a) or removal followed by *ex situ* thermal destruction (Alternatives 8 through 10). Institutional controls that specifically limit the use of groundwater as a drinking water source and vapor intrusion assessment or engineering controls for vapor intrusion may be required for any new construction until monitoring demonstrates that it is no longer needed.

## Compliance with Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements

Preliminary ARARs are discussed in detail in the FS report (Aspect and Arcadis, 2016). Key ARARs for OU1 include the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and Washington State Dangerous Waste Regulations. Identifying ARARs is an iterative process, which will continue until final ARAR determinations are made by EPA during preparation of the ROD.

Alternative 1 does not satisfy the threshold criterion for compliance with ARARs.

Alternatives 7 through 10 would satisfy the threshold criterion for compliance with ARARs, and while there is uncertainty about the ability of Alternatives 7 to 10 to meet MCLs everywhere in groundwater, EPA expects that when the DNAPL in soil is stabilized, destroyed, or removed, the benzene and cPAH mass in groundwater will be reduced up to 95 to 100 percent. This assessment is based on Site groundwater data for benzene and cPAHs (COCs with MCLs) that indicate a close association of MCL exceedances with the occurrence of DNAPL. EPA also expects that when the DNAPL in soil is removed, arsenic will be addressed, as the presence of DNAPL in the subsurface allows arsenic to more readily leach from soil (at naturally-occurring concentrations) into the groundwater, and is the primary reason that arsenic is above the MCL in groundwater at the Site. There is no MCL for naphthalene, the other primary COC in groundwater; however, EPA expects that when the DNAPL in soil is removed, the naphthalene plume will also dissipate in a reasonable time frame (25 to 30 years).

## Long-term Effectiveness and Permanence

The long-term effectiveness and permanence rating is based on consideration of both the magnitude of residual risk associated with any contamination remaining at the Site following implementation of the remedy and the reliability of controls. The magnitude of residual risk was evaluated in the context of achieving RAOs, and considered the total volume of DNAPL removed or treated in each alternative.

A high rating was given to Alternatives 7 through 10, which would remove or treat all known PTW. Alternative 7a employs the STAR technology to destroy a significant volume of PTW *in situ* while avoiding the significant cost of contaminated soil removal included in Alternatives 9 and 10. Alternatives 9 and 10 remove or treat more contaminated soil, providing the greatest long-term effectiveness and permanence, but at the highest cost.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Alternatives 2 through 10, excluding Alternative 7a, underwent a comparative analysis in the FS (Aspect and Arcadis, 2016). Alternative 7a was evaluated by EPA following the FS, as documented in EPA (2017).

### Nine Superfund Evaluation Criteria:

In accordance with CERCLA and Section 300.430(f)(5)(i) of the NCP, EPA evaluates remedial alternatives using the following nine criteria:

- Threshold Criteria—These criteria specify what an alternative must meet to be eligible for selection as a remedial action:
  - Overall protection of human health and the environment—Determines whether a remedial action eliminates, reduces, or controls threats to public health and the environment through treatment, engineering controls (such as fencing), or institutional controls (such as deed restrictions).
  - Compliance with ARARs—In addition to ensuring that human and ecological receptors are protected, remedial actions
    to cleanup a site must attain legally applicable, or relevant and appropriate federal, and state standards and
    requirements unless such ARARs are waived under CERCLA Section 121(d)(4).
- Balancing Criteria—These criteria represent technical considerations upon which the detailed analysis is based:
  - Long-term effectiveness and permanence—Considers the ability of a remedial alternative to maintain protection of human health and the environment over time and the reliability of such protection.
  - Reduction of toxicity, mobility, and volume through treatment—Evaluates using treatment to reduce the harmful
    effects of contaminants and the ability of contaminants to move in the environment. More specific considerations
    include the amount of hazardous substances that would be destroyed, treated, or recycled; the degree to which
    treatment is irreversible; and the degree to which treatment reduces the inherent hazards posed by principal threat
    waste.
  - Short-term effectiveness—Considers both the length of time required to implement a remedial alternative and the risk
    that constructing and maintaining the remedy would pose to workers, residents, and the environment until cleanup
    levels are achieved.
  - Implementability—Considers the technical and administrative feasibility of implementing a remedial alternative, such as
    relative availability of goods and services. This criterion also considers whether the technology has been used
    successfully at other similar sites.
  - Cost—Considers both estimated capital costs and long-term operations and maintenance costs. Costs are expected to be accurate within a range of +50 to -30 percent.
- Modifying Criteria—These criteria are evaluated at the end of the public review and comment period; they are not discussed
  in this Proposed Plan.
  - State and Tribal acceptance—Considers whether the state and tribes support EPA's analyses and recommendations of the FS report (Aspect and Arcadis, 2016) and the Proposed Plan.
  - Community acceptance—Considers whether the local community agrees with EPA's analyses and recommendations of the FS report (Aspect and Arcadis, 2016) and the Proposed Plan.

### Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility, or Volume Through Treatment

This balancing criterion evaluates the degree to which each remedial alternative reduces toxicity, mobility, or volume through treatment. *In situ* solidification of upland PTW (Alternatives 7 and 9), *in situ* thermal destruction combined with *in situ* solidification of PTW (Alternative 7a), and onsite *ex situ* thermal treatment of PTW (Alternatives 8, 9, and 10) are the three primary treatment approaches considered for PTW. In addition, a groundwater pump-and-treatment system to actively treat Site groundwater along the shoreline (Alternative 10) was considered.

Alternatives 7 through 10 received a high rating for this criterion by greatly reducing the volume and mass

flux of contaminated groundwater through treatment or removal of all the PTW. Inclusion of treatment by thermal destruction technologies for some or all of the PTW (Alternatives 7a, and 8 through 10) was rated higher than *in situ* solidification (Alternative 7, and select use in Alternative 9) because technologies that destroy the COCs provide more reduction of toxicity, mobility, and volume than technologies that bind COCs. Alternative 7a provides *in situ* thermal destruction of COCs in high source strength areas and avoids the significant cost of soil excavation required by Alternatives 8 through 10. Alternative 10 would achieve the greatest reduction in groundwater plume volume given the inclusion of a groundwater pumpand-treat system.

### Short-Term Effectiveness

The remedial design for each alternative would include measures to minimize impacts to workers, community, and environment during the remedy implementation phase. The primary difference between alternatives is the duration of construction and the potential for exposures if construction equipment and/or protective controls fail, a risk that generally increases with the quantity of contaminated material removed or handled.

Alternative 7a receives a high rating for this criterion as it has a relatively short design/construction duration (5 years) and presents the lowest risk to workers, the community, and the environment due to limited handling of PTW materials above ground; that is, only a moderate volume of soil will be subjected to in situ solidification without any excavation of PTW materials. A moderate rating was given to Alternative 7. While it has a design/construction duration of approximately 4.8 years. Upland PTW is all addressed through in situ solidification, which has more short-term impacts relative to Alternative 7a, but fewer short-term impacts than the ex situ thermal treatment options of Alternatives 8 through 10, which received a low rating for this criterion. In addition to the greater potential for exposure through a higher level of material handling for these last three alternatives, the construction period is also longer, ranging from approximately 4.3 years for Alternatives 8 to 9 and nearly 11 years for Alternatives 9 and 10, respectively.

### *Implementability*

All alternatives pose technical implementation challenges. All alternatives use proven technologies that have been implemented at other similar sites. Bench and/or pilot testing of *in situ* solidification would be carried out prior to implementation of Alternatives 7, 7a, and 9; however, the need for these preliminary tests are not considered to be implementability concerns.

For Alternative 7a, a laboratory-scale demonstration and field pilot study have both confirmed that NAPL-impacted soil from the Site can be effectively treated by the STAR smoldering combustion process (CH2M, 2018; Savron, 2018).

The deep excavations and *ex situ* thermal treatment included in Alternatives 8 through 10 would have substantially increased complexity. The excavations would require robust shoring and dewatering systems, including 95-foot-long sheet piles for Alternative 10, which are not readily available and could result in transportation challenges. Thermal treatment requires air emission controls and extensive monitoring.

During remedial design, all alternatives would require coordination with numerous federal and state regulatory agencies to ensure that all ARARs, policies, and regulations are met. Alternatives with longer construction durations and/or more construction elements would generally require more administrative coordination and have a greater potential for technical problems and schedule delays.

Alternatives 7 and 7a are rated moderate for implementability. Alternatives 8 through 10 are rated low for implementability due to the significantly greater challenges of shoring and dewatering extensive excavations and providing onsite thermal treatment of a large volume of material. Longer durations of construction activities would also perpetuate severe technical and administrative challenges.

### Cost

**Table 8-1** presents costs for Alternatives 7 through 10. The table shows the present-value cost of each alternative, calculated using a 7 percent discount rate.

### Preferred Alternative

This section presents EPA's Preferred Alternative for OU1 (uplands) of the Site and the basis for the agency's selection. The goal of the remedy-selection process, as stated in 40 *Code of Federal Regulations* 300.430(a)(1)(i) of the NCP, is to select remedies that protect human health and the environment, maintain protection over time, and minimize untreated waste.

### Preferred Alternative 7a

EPA proposes Alternative 7a as the Preferred Alternative for OU1. The primary objective of this alternative is to destroy or solidify PTW source material contributing contamination to both the Shallow and Deep Aquifers.

Alternative 7a includes the following components for OU1:

- Use of STAR or ISS to treat all known PTW causing contamination in both the Shallow and Deep Aquifers (8.9 acres).
- Soil cap where COCs exceed PRGs in surface soil, to maintain protectiveness.
- Institutional controls to help ensure the effectiveness of engineering controls

Alternative 7a destroys or solidifies approximately 377,500 gallons of DNAPL (100 percent of total volume), to a maximum depth of approximately 36 feet.

For the purposes of developing a cost estimate, it is assumed that STAR will be used to treat approximately

57 percent of PTW and ISS will be used to treat the remainder. The actual areas for STAR will be based on pre-treatment TPH concentrations, which will be refined during remedial design and during STAR pre-treatment characterization.

Components of STAR include the following:

- Pre-treatment subsurface characterization for targeting STAR implementation.
- Temporary installation of electrically powered heaters and air injectors to initiate and promote combustion of subsurface PTW and propagation of the smoldering combustion front.
- Installation of temporary air injection wells to promote combustion and subsurface propagation of the smoldering combustion front.
- Collection and treatment of soil vapors to minimize the potential for nuisance odor migration or fugitive emissions during treatment.
- Monitoring of subsurface conditions before, during, and after STAR treatment to assess performance.

Components of ISS include the following:

- Use of a large-diameter shrouded auger to mix Portland cement into coal tar-contaminated materials.
- Collection of vapors from the auger shroud and treatment with a thermal oxidizer.
- Installation of a temporary enclosure for ISS areas near properties boundaries to control nuisance odors.
- Installation of perimeter real-time air monitoring stations.

The estimated design/construction timeframe for Alternative 7a is 5 years, at which time the Site would be ready for anticipated reuse.

No active groundwater treatment is included in Alternative 7a because, like Alternative 7, treating/stabilizing all of the DNAPL in soil is expected to immediately and substantially reduce contaminant concentrations and allow for achievement of the RAO for groundwater in a reasonable timeframe (see "Decision Diagram for Groundwater," next page).

O&M would include cap inspections and groundwater monitoring.

**Figure 9-1** presents the Preferred Alternative. The estimated cost for Alternative 7a is \$66.1 million. <sup>6</sup> The FS-level accuracy range, based on -30/+50 percent, using a discount rate of 7 percent, is \$46.3 to \$99.2 million.

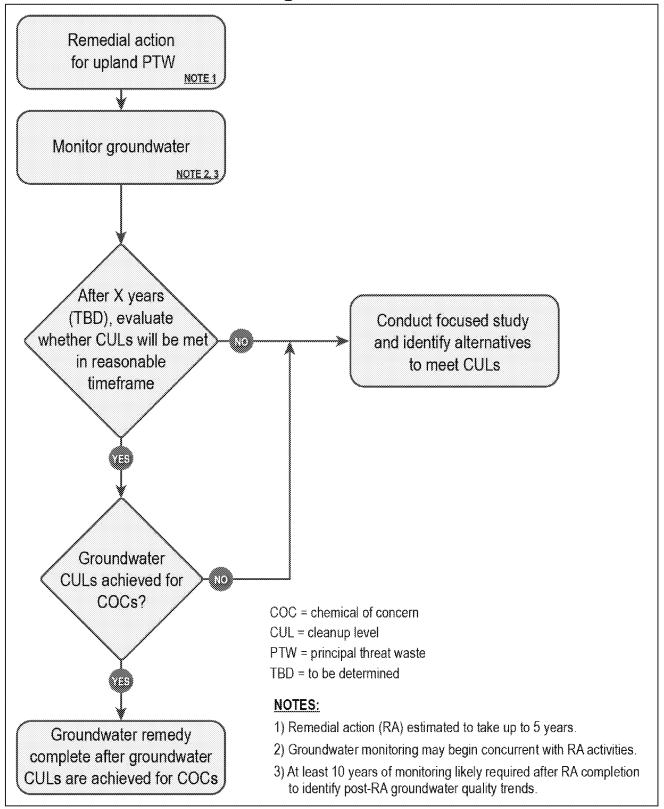
## Rationale for Selection of Preferred Alternative

To address the PTW and achieve the RAOs, Alternative 7a meets the threshold criteria and provides the best tradeoffs among the balancing criteria, as compared to other upland FS alternatives as follows:

- With the incorporation of STAR, Alternative 7a would elevate overall protectiveness above
   Alternative 7 in that high source strength
   contaminants are permanently destroyed with
   STAR. The remedy is more effective in the short term as contaminants in STAR-treated areas are
   not brought to the surface during ISS mixing,
   minimizing exposure to site workers. In addition,
   both STAR and ISS incorporates vapor capture for
   the control of toxic and nuisance odors. None of
   the known PTW would be left in place onsite as
   untreated waste.
- Alternative 7a can be designed to meet the substantive requirements of the ARARs. While there is uncertainty about the ability of Alternative 7a to meet MCLs everywhere in groundwater, EPA believes that if the DNAPL in soil is stabilized, destroyed, or removed, then the benzene and cPAH plumes should be effectively addressed. Groundwater monitoring will be required to ensure the protectiveness of the remedy and continued until groundwater achieves MCLs.
- Compared with Alternative 7, less reliance on institutional controls is also expected for Alternative 7a as high source strength contaminants are permanently destroyed versus immobilized.
- Alternative 7a satisfies the statutory preference for treatment.
- Alternatives 8, 9, and 10 all include more expansive work that realizes a nominal incremental benefit beyond that provided by Alternative 7a with respect to overall protection of human health and the environment. Alternative 8 would cost more than half again that of Alternative 7a, and while Alternatives 9 and 10 would be expected to result in reduced timeframes to achieve the groundwater MCLs in OU1, the construction duration would nearly double, and the costs would be several times that of Alternative 7a.

 $<sup>^{6}</sup>$  Calculated using a 7 percent discount rate, as required by EPA policy and guidance.

## **Decision Diagram for Groundwater**



## Preferred Alternative Summary

Based on the information currently available, the Preferred Alternative described in this Proposed Plan is a final action that meets the threshold criteria and provides the best balance of tradeoffs with respect to the balancing and modifying criteria. EPA expects the Preferred Alternative to satisfy the following statutory requirements of CERCLA §121(b): (1) be protective of public health and the environment; (2) attain ARARs; (3) be cost-effective; (4) use permanent solutions and alternative treatment (or resource recovery) technologies to the maximum extent practicable; and (5) satisfy the preference for treatment as a principal element, or explain why the preference for treatment will not be met. The OU1 Preferred Alternative will achieve substantial risk reduction by both treating the source materials constituting principal threats at the site and providing safe management of remaining material. This combination reduces risk sooner and costs less than the other alternatives.

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## Acronyms

§	Section
μg/L	micrograms per liter
Anchor QEA	Anchor QEA LLC
ARAR	Applicable or Relevant and
	Appropriate Requirement
Arcadis	Arcadis US
Aspect	Aspect Consulting, LLC
bgs	below ground surface
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental
	Response, Compensation, and Liability
	Act
CH2M	CH2M HILL Engineers, Inc.
COC	contaminant of concern
сРАН	carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic
	hydrocarbon
CWA	Clean Water Act
DNAPL	dense nonaqueous phase liquid
Ecology	Washington State Department of
	Ecology
ELCR	excess lifetime cancer risk
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ERA	Ecological Risk Assessment
FS	Feasibility Study
HHRA	human health risk assessment
HI	hazard index
HPAH	high-molecular weight polycyclic
	aromatic hydrocarbon
HQ	hazard quotient
ISS	in situ solidification
LNAPL	light nonaqueous phase liquid
LPAH	low molecular weight polycyclic
	aromatic hydrocarbon
MCL	maximum contaminant level
mg/kg	milligrams per kilogram
NAPL	nonaqueous-phase liquid
NCP	National Contingency Plan
O&M	operations and maintenance
OU	Operable Unit
PAH	polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon
PRG	preliminary remediation goal

Proposed Plan Proposed Plan for the Quendall Terminals

Superfund Site, Operable Unit 1

PTW principal threat waste
RAO remedial action objective
RBC risk-based concentration

RCRA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

RI remedial investigation ROD Record of Decision

Site Quendall Terminals Superfund Site STAR Self-sustaining Treatment for Active

Remediation

## Glossary of Terms

## Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs):

Applicable requirements, as defined in 40 CFR § 300.5, are those clean-up standards, standards of control, and other substantive requirements, criteria, or limitations promulgated under federal environmental or state environmental or facility siting laws that specifically address a hazardous substance, pollutant, contaminant, remedial action, location, or other circumstance found at a CERCLA site. Only those state standards that are identified by the state in a timely manner and that are more stringent than federal requirements may be applicable.

Relevant and appropriate requirements, as defined in 40 CFR § 300.5, means those clean-up standards, standards of control, and other substantive requirements, criteria, or limitations promulgated under federal environmental or state environmental or facility siting laws that, while not "applicable" to a hazardous substance, pollutant, contaminant, remedial action, location, or other circumstance at a CERCLA site, address problems or situations sufficiently similar to those encountered at a CERCLA site that their use is well suited to the particular site. Only those state standards that are identified by the state in a timely manner and that are more stringent than federal requirements may be relevant and appropriate.

Chemicals of concern (COCs): Site-specific chemicals that are identified for evaluation in the site assessment process that pose unacceptable human health or ecological risks.

## Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA):

A federal law, commonly referred to as the "Superfund" Program. CERCLA provides for clean-up and emergency response in connection with existing inactive hazardous waste disposal sites that endanger public health and safety or the environment.

Dense Nonaqueous Phase Liquid (DNAPL): An organic substance in liquid form that is relatively insoluble in water and denser than water. DNAPLs tend to sink vertically through sand and gravel aquifers and pool above an underlying, less-permeable layer.

**Exposure Pathway:** The pathway for a chemical from the source of contamination to the exposed individual or receptor, such as dermal contact, ingestion, or inhalation.

**Feasibility Study (FS):** A comprehensive process to screen, develop, and evaluate potential alternatives for remediating contamination.

**Groundwater:** Subsurface water that occurs in fully saturated soil and geologic formations.

Hazard Index (HI): Summation of the noncancer risks to which an individual is exposed. An HI value of 1.0 or less indicates that noncancer adverse human health effects are unlikely to occur.

**Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA):** An assessment of the risks posed to human health through potential contaminant exposures, based on site-specific exposure scenarios.

**Institutional Controls:** Non-engineered controls, such as administrative and legal controls, that help minimize human exposure to contamination and/or protect the integrity of the remedy.

In Situ Solidification (ISS): A treatment process that immobilizes contaminants by mixing amendments into soil using a large-diameter auger. The amendments solidify the soil into a stabilized mass, similar to a concrete block.

**Operation and Maintenance (O&M):** Activities conducted after the remedial action to maintain the effectiveness of the response action.

**Operable Unit:** A designation based on geography or other characteristics that defines a specific area of a site. The cleanup of a site can be divided into a number of operable units and enables the cleanup process to address geographical portions of the site, specific site problems, and proceed with cleanup at different times.

**Principal Threat Wastes (PTW):** Source materials that generally cannot be reliably contained or would present a significant risk to human health or the environment should an exposure occur.

**Proposed Plan:** A plan for site remedial action or other action that is available to the public for comment.

**Radius of Influence:** The distance away from a center point that is affected by an action at the center point.

**Receptors:** Humans, animals, or plants that may be exposed to risks from contaminants present at a given site.

**Record of Decision (ROD):** A legal document that describes the clean-up action or alternative selected for a site, the basis for choosing that alternative, and public comments on the selected alternative.

Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs): Specific goals for protecting human health and the environment. RAOs are developed by evaluating ARARs protective of human health and the environment and the results of remedial investigations and risk assessments.

Preliminary Remediation Goals (PRGs): Clean-up goals developed during the cleanup planning process based on the ARARs. They also are used during analysis of remedial alternatives in the remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS).

Remedial Investigation (RI): Extensive technical study conducted to characterize the nature and extent of contamination and the risks posed by contaminants present at a site.

**Residual Risk:** Hazards which remain on site after a remedial action has been completed.

Self-Sustaining Treatment for Active Remediation (STAR): A remediation technology that uses a smoldering combustion reaction to destroy certain types of oily contaminants like creosote and coal tar. The combustion process can be used to treat DNAPL above or below the water table by converting the contaminants into carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and water, which are then captured and treated.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):
The federal agency responsible for administration and enforcement of CERCLA (and other environmental statutes and regulations), and with final approval authority for the selected remedial alternative.

**Vapor Intrusion:** The movement of volatile chemicals in soil and groundwater into indoor air.

**Tables** 

Table 3-1. Contaminant Concentrations in Soil

Contaminant of Concern	PRG (mg/kg)	PRG Source	Number of Detections/ Samples	Number of Detects Exceeding PRGs	Number of Non-Detects Exceeding PRGs	Average Detected Concentration (mg/kg)	Maximum Detected Concentration (mg/kg)
Metals							
Arsenic	7.3	Ecology, 1994*	44/81	21	2	12	110
Chromium	51	ERA RBC HQ=1	10/10	2		35	65.3
Lead	37	ERA RBC HQ=1	50/66	17		106	1,120
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydroc	arbons						
2-Methylnaphthalene	240	HHRA RBC HQ=1	63/106	6		166	5,200
Benzo(a)anthracene	0.16	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	81/106	66	2	70	1,500
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.016	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	81/106	79	22	97	2,100
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	0.16	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	82/106	68	2	74	1,700
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	1.6	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	80/106	46	1	58	1,400
Chrysene	16	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	85/106	32		106	2,500
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	0.16	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	53/106	41	12	16	190
Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene	0.16	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	73/106	61	4	53	1,500
Naphthalene	3.8	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	80/117	38	1	308	11,000
Pyrene	1,800	HHRA RBC HQ=1	88/106	3		239	5,200
Total 10 of 16 HPAH	3.7	ERA RBC HQ=1	88/106	62		904	21,955
Total 6 of 16 LPAH	65	ERA RBC HQ=1	93/106	31		704	25,820
Semivolatile Organics							
Pentachlorophenol	1	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0/61		20		
Volatile Organics							
Ethylbenzene	5.8	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	15/46	4		9.9	92

#### Notes:

Based on soil data to depths of 15 feet or less.

\*Washington State Department of Ecology. 1994. *Natural Background Soil Metals Concentrations in Washington State*. Publication 94-115. October.

HPAHs = high-molecular-weight PAHs (benzo[a]anthracene, benzo[a]pyrene, benzo[b]fluoranthene, benzo[k]fluoranthene, benzo[g,h,i]perylene, chrysene, dibenz[a,h]anthracene, indeno[1,2,3-c,d]pyrene, fluoranthene, and pyrene)

LPAH = low-molecular-weight PAH (acenaphthylene, acenaphthene, anthracene, fluorene, naphthalene, and phenanthrene)

mg/kg = milligram per kilogram

PAH = polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbon

PRG = Preliminary Remediation Goal

HHRA RBC  $10^{-6}$  = Human Health Risk Assessment Risk-Based Concentration based on cancer risk of 1 x  $10^{-6}$ .

HHRA RBC HQ=1 = Human Health Risk Assessment Risk-Based Concentration based on noncancer hazard quotient of 1.

ERA RBC HQ=1 = Ecological Risk Assessment Risk-Based Concentration, based on noncancer hazard quotient of 1.

Table 3-2. Contaminant Concentrations in Groundwater

Contaminant of Concern	PRG (μg/L)	PRG Source	Number of Detections/ Samples	Number of Detects Exceeding PRGs	Number of Non- Detects Exceeding PRGs	Average Detected Concentration (μg/L)	Maximum Detected Concentration (μg/L)
Metals	,	1					
Arsenic	10	MCL	25/25	10		32	389
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydroci	arbons	1					
2-Methylnaphthalene	36	HHRA RBC HQ=1	25/25	13		278	2,200
Acenaphthene	530	HHRA RBC HQ=1	21/25			103	390
Benzo(a)anthracene	0.012	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	5/25	5	20	41	170
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.2	MCL	3/25	3	12	97	290
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	0.034	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	4/25	3	21	53	210
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	0.34	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	4/25	2	10	53	210
Chrysene	3.4	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	4/25	1	6	68	270
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	0.0034	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	1/25	1	24	0.13	0.13
Fluoranthene	800	HHRA RBC HQ=1	9/25		ma ma	61	250
Fluorene	290	HHRA RBC HQ=1	18/25	~~	MA NA	55	290
Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene	0.034	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	1/25	1	23	0.45	0.45
Naphthalene	0.17	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	27/28	26	1	2,637	16,000
Semivolatile Organics							
Dibenzofuran	7.9	HHRA RBC HQ=1	15/25	12		44	180
Volatile Organics							
Benzene	5	MCL	15/28	13		3,337	31,000
Ethylbenzene	700	MCL	15/28	4		694	2,900
Total Xylenes	10,000	MCL	16/28	1		1,433	10,600

### Notes:

Based on data collected during the 2008/2009 Remedial Investigation (RI).

μg/L = micrograms per liter

PRG = Preliminary Remediation Goal

HHRA RBC  $10^{-6}$  = Human Health Risk Assessment Risk-Based Concentration based on cancer risk of 1 x  $10^{-6}$ .

HHRA RBC HQ=1 = Human Health Risk Assessment Risk-Based Concentration based on noncancer hazard quotient of 1.

MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level

Table 5-1. Summary of Risk and Hazard Estimates for Human Exposure Scenarios

		Human Exposure Scenarios					
		Resi	dential	Occupation	onal Worker		uction/ on Worker
Exposure Medium	Exposure Route	ні	ELCR	ні	ELCR	н	ELCR
	Ingestion	1	2 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>	0.4	1 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1	1 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
0.11/0.1.45.5	Dermal	0.5	7 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.3	8 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.4	5 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
Soil (0 to 15 feet bgs)	Inhalation	6	3 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	1	5 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	1	2 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
	Total	8	3 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>	2	2 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	3	2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
	Ingestion	602	8 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>			wa ne	
	Dermal	175	5 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>			0.00001	1 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
Groundwater	Inhalation	7,218	3 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>				
	Total	7,995	>8 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>			0.00001	1 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
Indoor Air	Inhalation	280	2 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>	~-			
Trench Vapor	Inhalation					486	8 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>

### Notes:

bgs = below ground surface

ELCR = excess lifetime cancer risk

HI = hazard index

Table 6-1. Preliminary Remediation Goals

Chemical of Concern	Soil (mg/kg)	PRG Source	Groundwater (μg/L)	PRG Source
2-methylnaphthalene	240	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	36	HHRA RBC HQ=1
Acenaphthene			530	HHRA RBC HQ=1
Anthracene				
Arsenic	7.3	Ecology, 1994 <sup>a</sup>	10	MCL
Benzene			5	MCL
Benzo(a)anthracene*	0.16	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.012	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Benzo(a)pyrene*	0.016	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.2	MCL
Benzo(b)fluoranthene*	0.16	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.034	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Benzo(k)fluoranthene*	1.6	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.34	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Chromium	51	ERA RBC HQ=1		
Chrysene*	16	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	3.4	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene*	0.016	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.0034	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Dibenzofuran			7.9	HHRA RBC HQ=1
Ethylbenzene	5.8	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	700	MCL
Fluoranthene	via HPAH		800	HHRA RBC HQ=1
Fluorene			290	HHRA RBC HQ=1
Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene*	0.16	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.034	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Lead	37	ERA RBC HQ=1		
Naphthalene	3.8	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.17	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Phenanthrene				
Pyrene	via HPAH		1	
Toluene				
Total cPAHs	0.016	HHRA RBC 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.2	MCL
Total HPAHs	3.7	ERA RBC HQ=1		
Total LPAHs	65	ERA RBC HQ=1	4	
Total PAH				
Total Xylenes	-		10,000	MCL

#### Notes:

-- = not a chemical of concern for medium listed

 $\mu$ g/L = microgram(s) per liter

cPAH = carcinogenic PAH - calculated based on benzo(a)pyrene equivalents (indicated by asterisk). **Note that the PRGs for cPAHs will be revised in the ROD to reflect updated toxicity information for benzo(a)pyrene.** 

HPAHs = high-molecular-weight PAHs (benzo[a]anthracene, benzo[a]pyrene, benzo[b]fluoranthene, benzo[k]fluoranthene, benzo[g,h,i]perylene, chrysene, dibenz[a,h]anthracene, indeno[1,2,3-c,d]pyrene, fluoranthene, and pyrene)

LPAH = low-molecular-weight PAH (acenaphthylene, acenaphthene, anthracene, fluorene, naphthalene, and phenanthrene)

mg/kg = milligram per kilogram

PAH = polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbon

PRG = Preliminary Remediation Goal

HHRA RBC 10<sup>-6</sup> = Human Health Risk Assessment Risk-Based Concentration based on cancer risk of 1 x 10<sup>-6</sup>.

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MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Washington State Department of Ecology. 1994. *Natural Background Soil Metals Concentrations in Washington State*. Publication 94-115. October.

Table 8-1. Costs for the Operable Unit 1 Alternatives

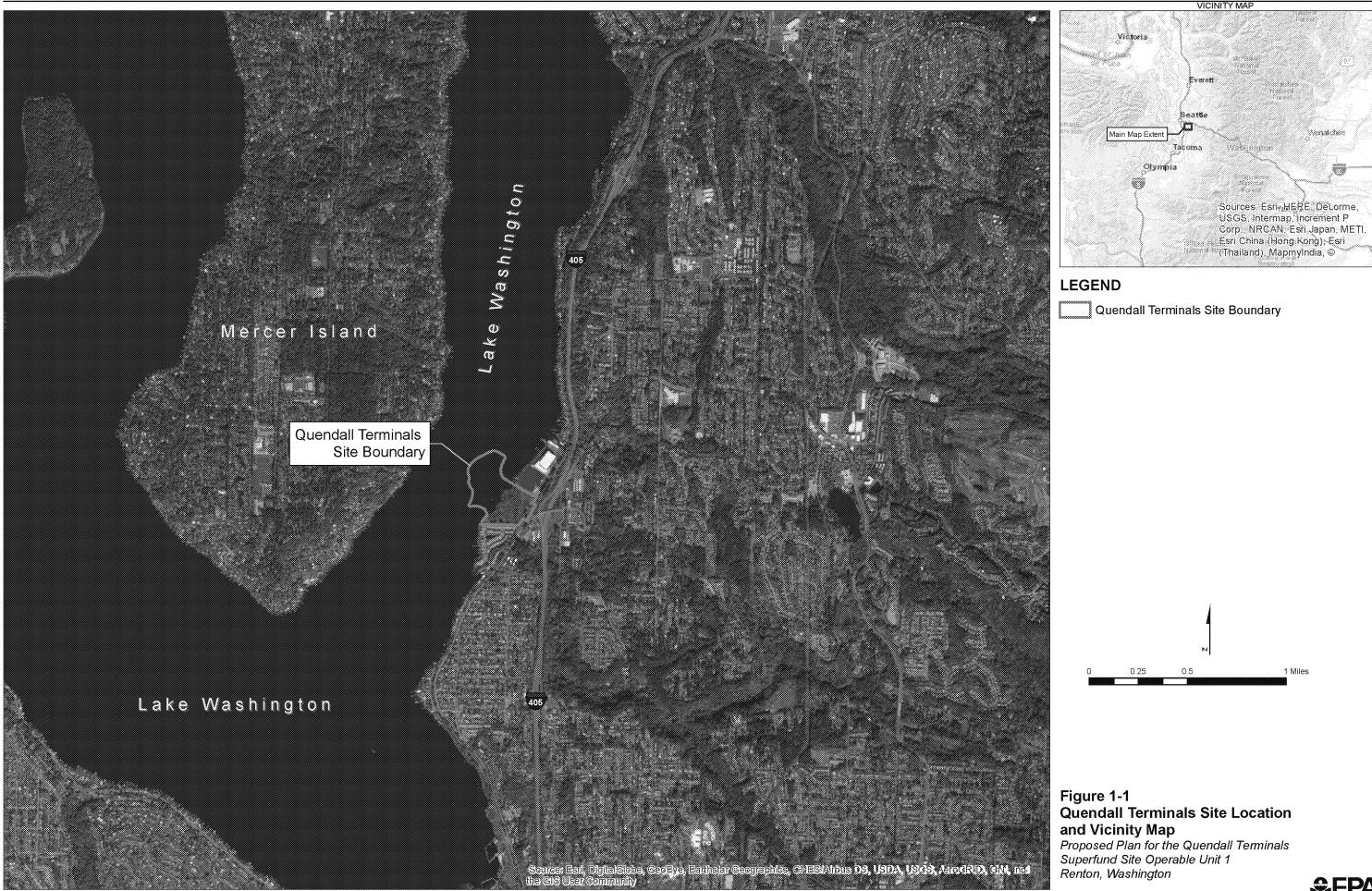
Alternative	Remedial Construction	Operations and Maintenance Using 7.0 Percent Discount Rate <sup>a</sup>	Total Present Value Using 7.0 Percent Discount Rate	FS-Level Accuracy Range (-30%)	FS-Level Accuracy Range (+50%)
7	65,300,000	700,000	66,000,000	46,200,000	99,000,000
7a	65,400,000	700,000	66,100,000	46,300,000	99,200,000
8	99,400,000	600,000	100,000,000	70,000,000	150,000,000
9	218,600,000	600,000	219,200,000	153,400,000	328,800,000
10	301,100,000	8,200,000	309,300,000	216,500,000	464,000,000

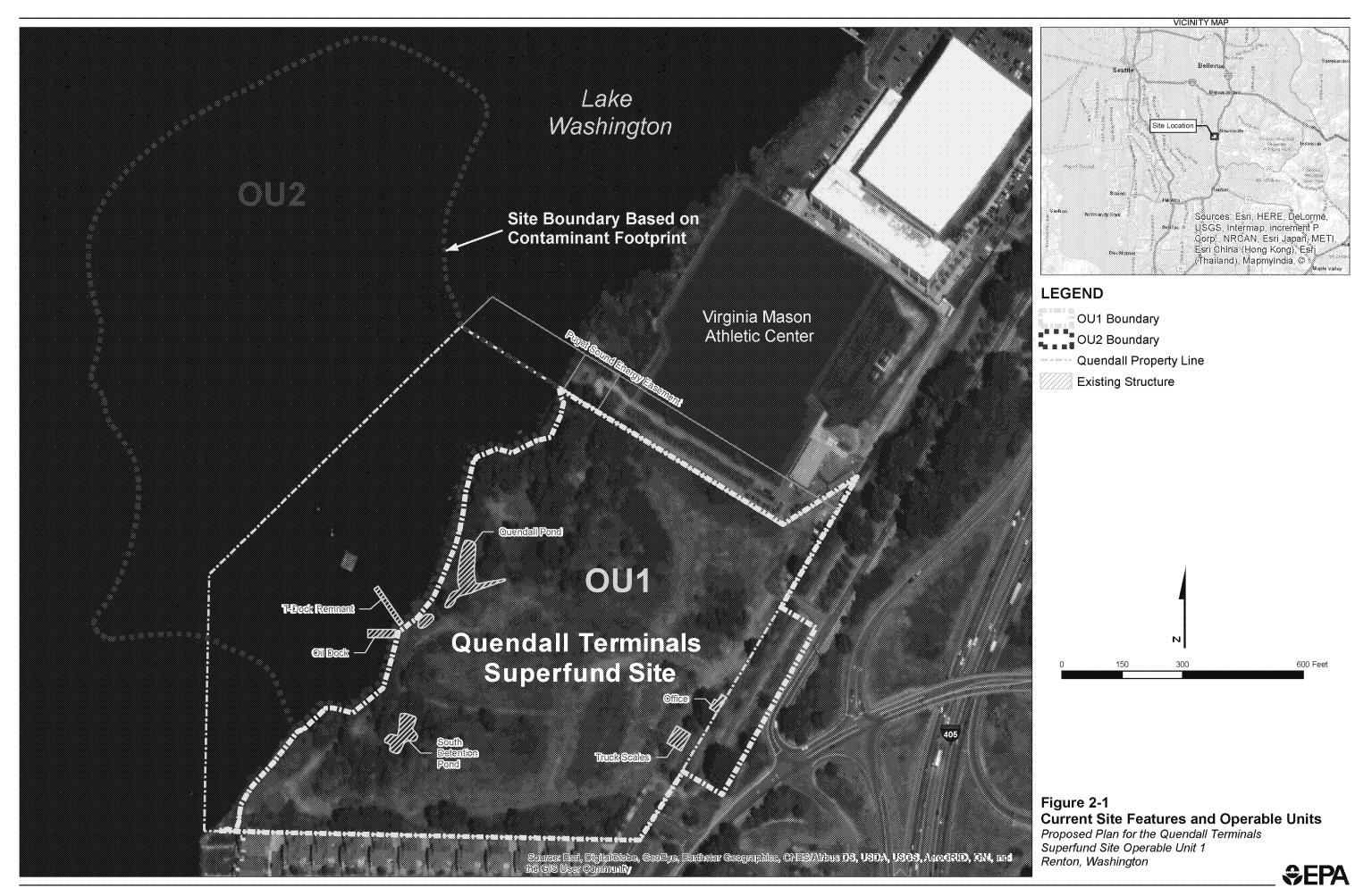
### Notes:

Alternative cost assumptions are provided in Appendix A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> For estimating operations and maintenance cost, the FS cost estimate assumed operations and maintenance would be conducted for 100 years.

**Figures** 





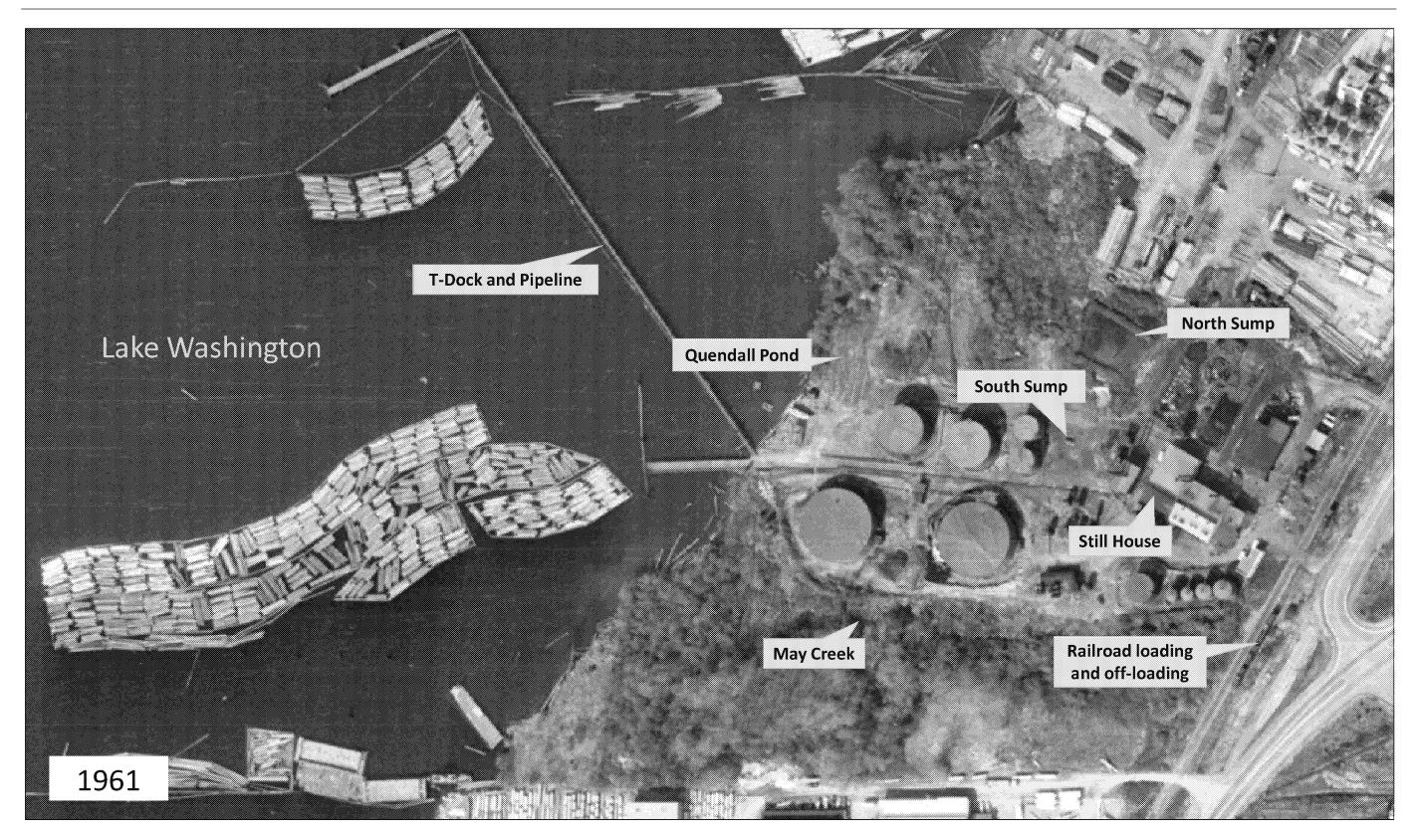


Figure 2-2
Summary of Historical Site Features
Proposed Plan for the Quendall Terminals
Superfund Site Operable Unit 1
Renton, Washington



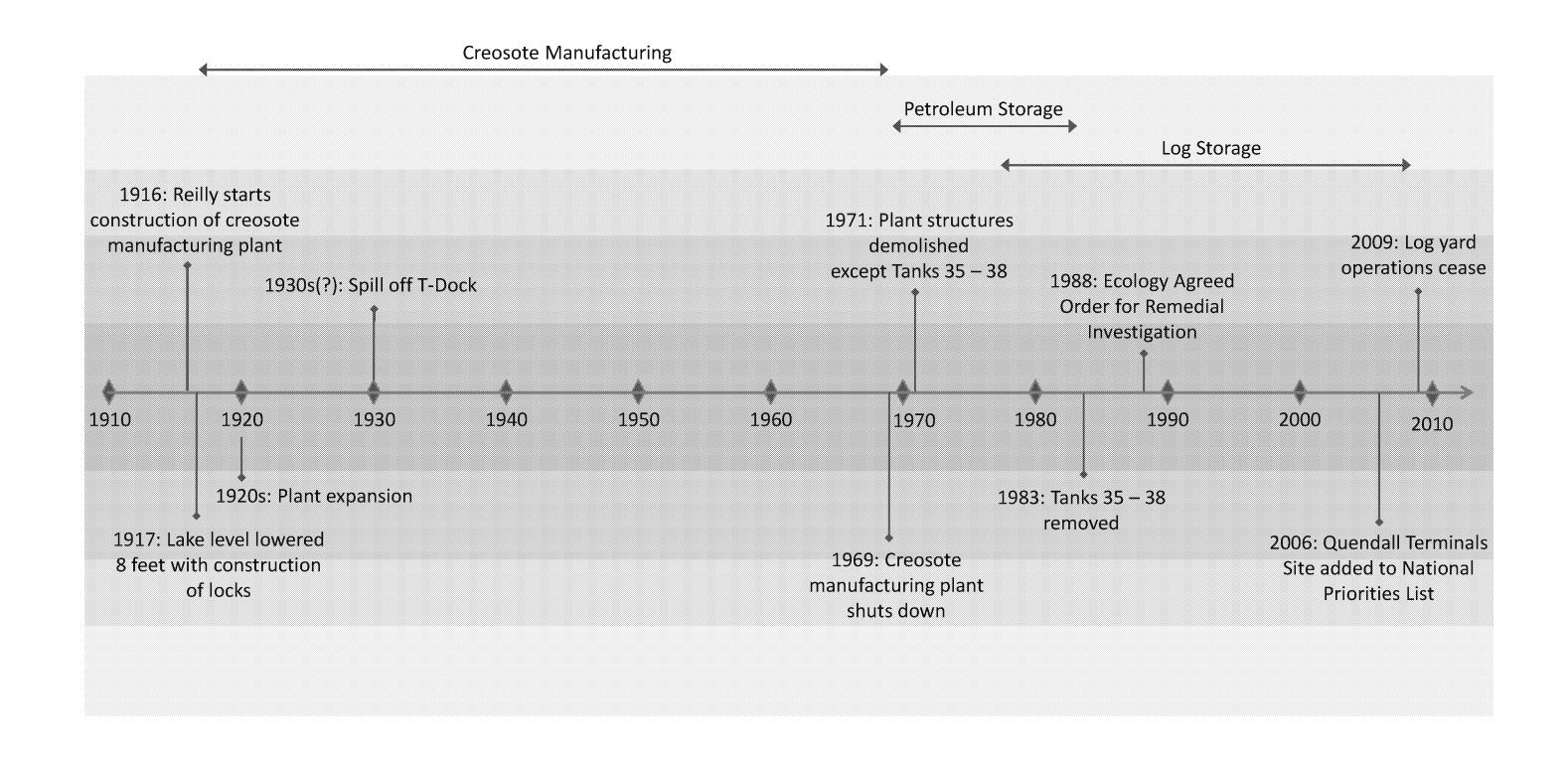
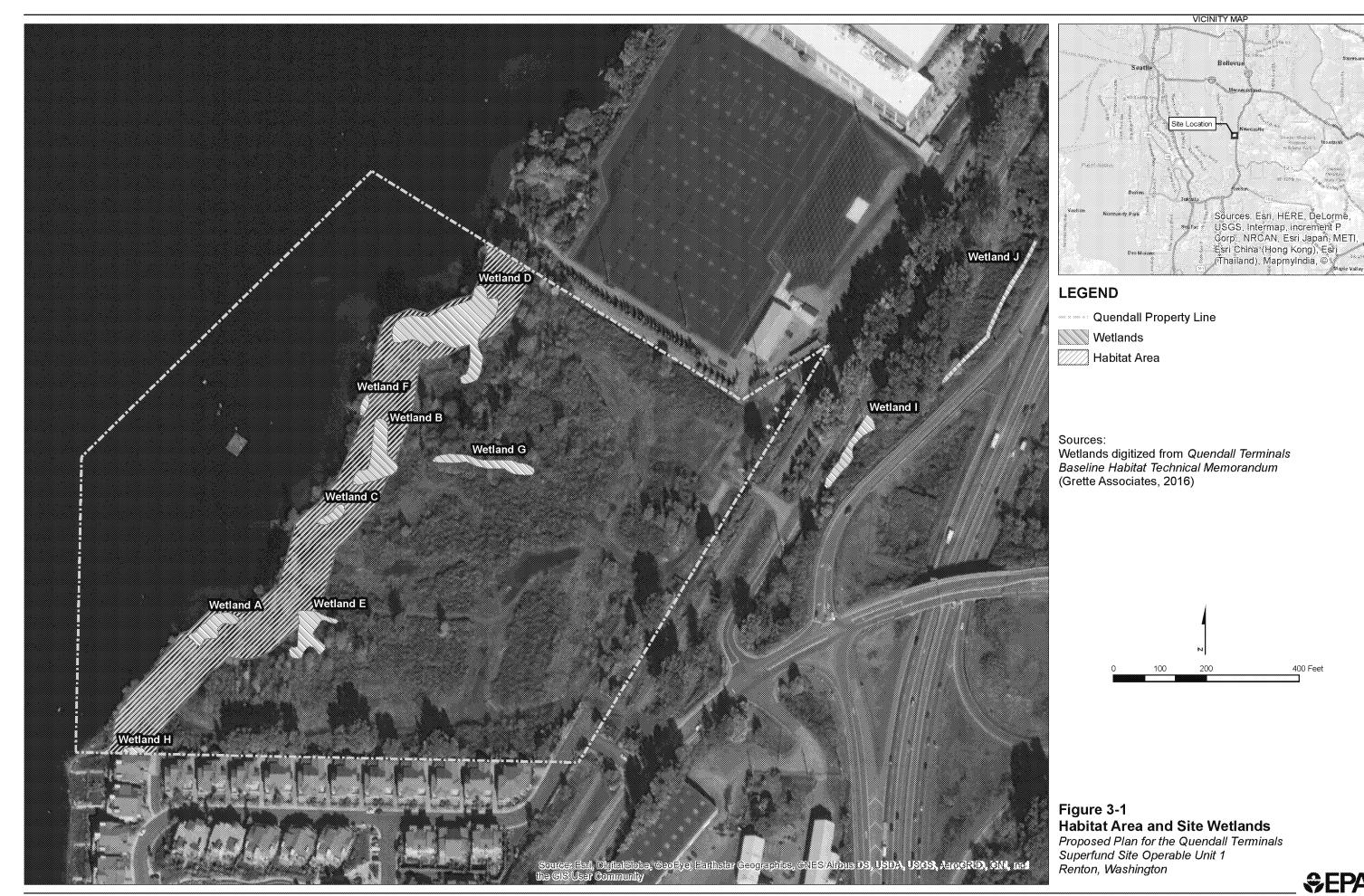


Figure 2-3
Timeline of Site Operations
Proposed Plan for the Quendall Terminals
Superfund Site Operable Unit 1
Renton, Washington

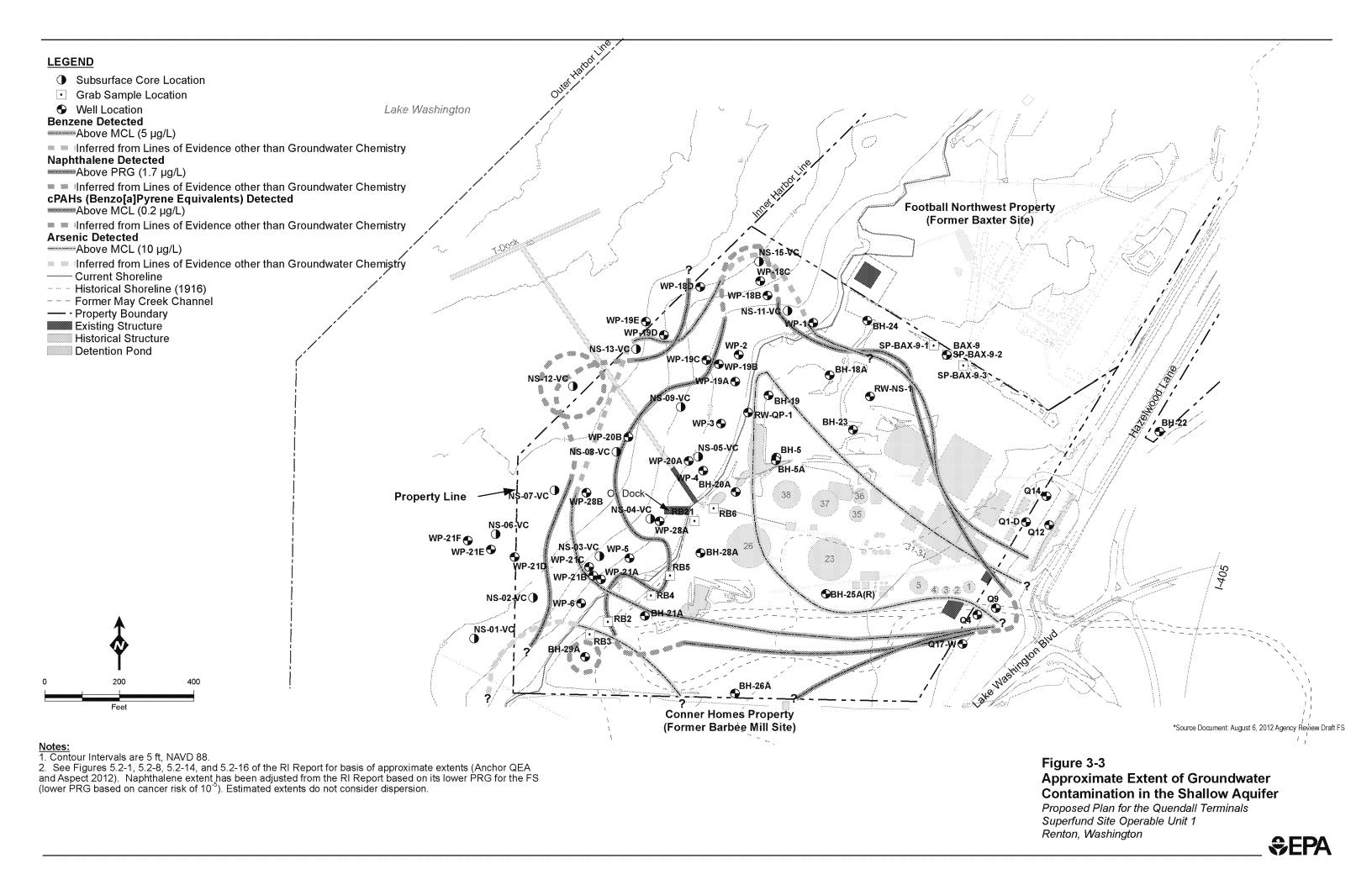


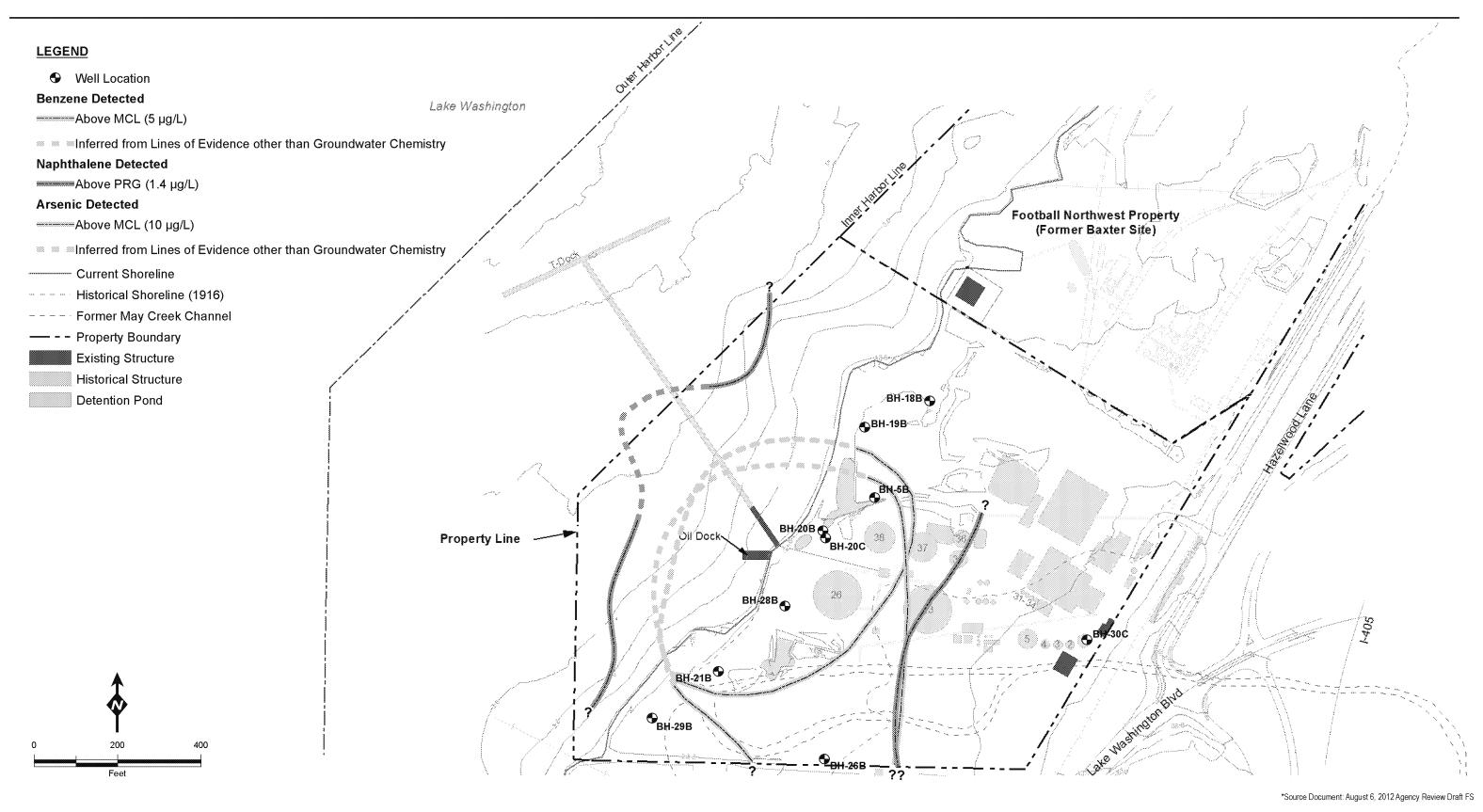


## **LEGEND** Maximum Extents of DNAPL DNAPL Thickness Contour DNAPL Thickness 0'-2' DNAPL Thickness 2'-4' DNAPL Thickness >4' Detention Pond Football Northwest Property Former T-Dock --(Former Baxter Site) **Existing Structure** Historical Feature **Current Shoreline** (Ordinary High Water) Property Line Bays T-Dock Remnant 🕥 SouthSump Quendali Pond Boiler House Lake Washington Solid Material Loading Area Oil Dock -South ŖáiÌroad -Detention Pond Lòading Area Former May Creek Channel Tank Car Loading Area Conner Homes Property (Former Barbee Mill Site) Figure 3-2 Approximate Extent and Thickness of DNAPL Proposed Plan for the Quendall Terminals

Superfund Site Operable Unit 1

Renton, Washington



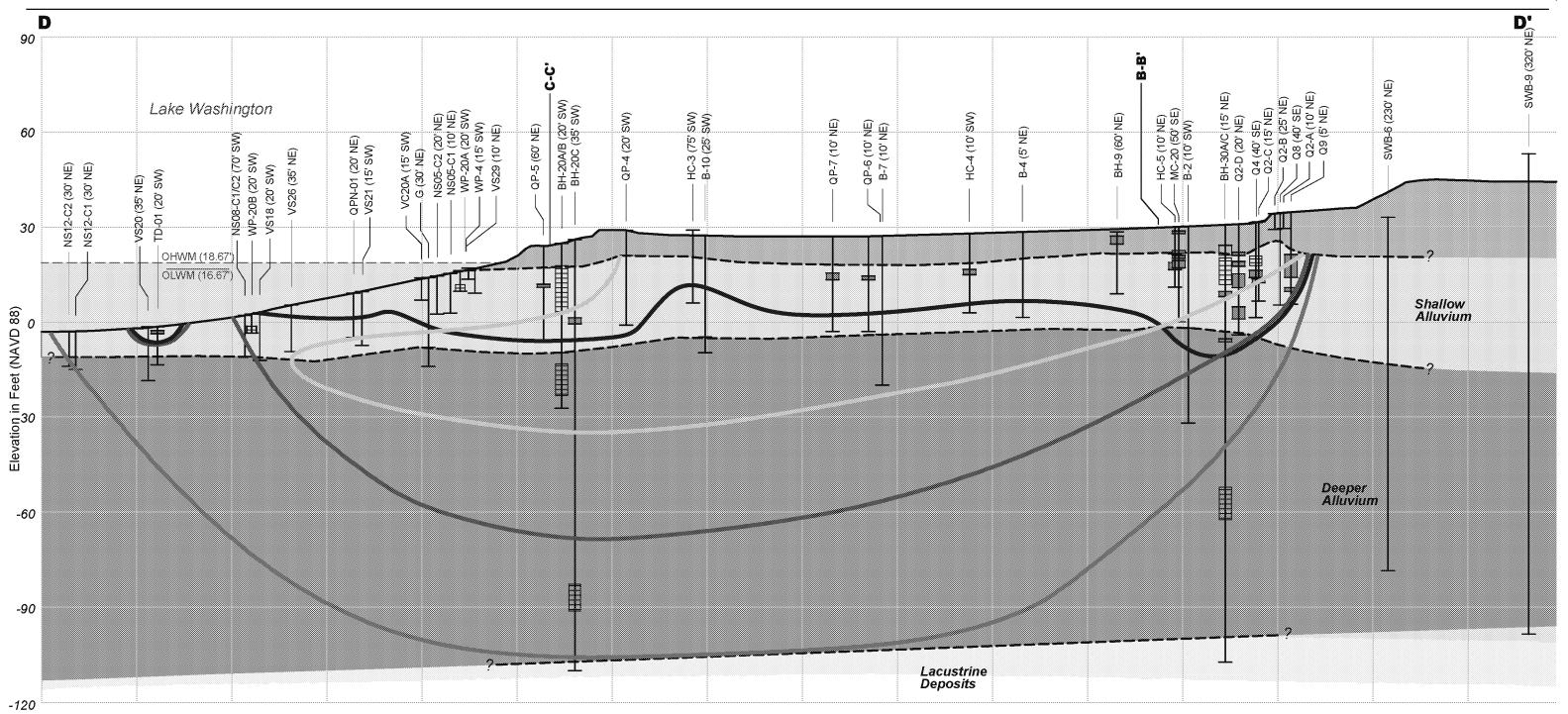


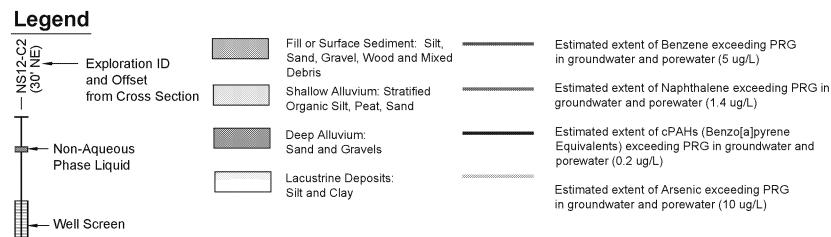
Notes:
1. Contour intervals are 5 ft, NAVD 88.

contour intervals are 31t, NAVD 66.
 cPAHs (Benzo[a]pyrene Equivalent) have not been detected above the PRG in wells completed in the Deep Aquifer.
 See Figures 5.2-2, 5.2-9, 5.2-15, and 5.2-17 of the RI Report for basis of approximate extents (Anchor QEA and Aspect 2012). Naphthalene extent has been adjusted from the RI Report based on its lower PRG for the FS. Estimated extents do not consider dispersion.

Figure 3-4 **Approximate Extent of Groundwater Contamination in the Deep Aquifer** 

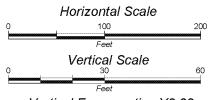






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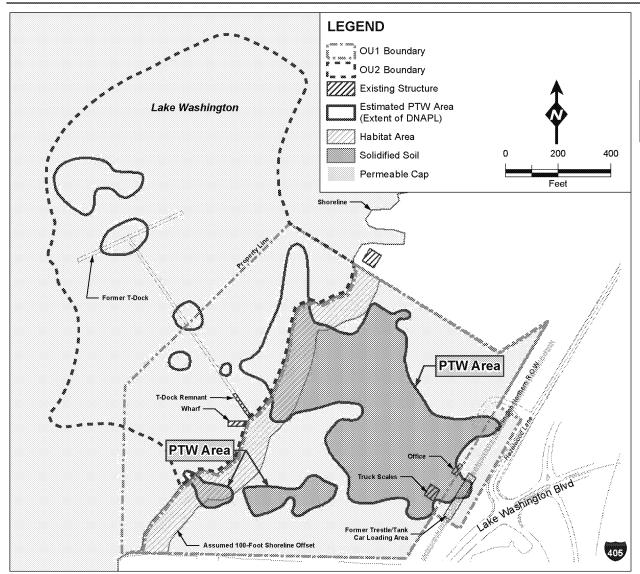
- 1. Refer to Figure 3-1 for exploration locations.
- 2. Vertical extents generally based on groundwater data from wells BH-20A, BH-20B, and BH-20C (Figures 5.2-1, 5.2-2, 5.2-8, 5.2-9, 5.2-14, 5.2-15, 5.2-16, and 5.2-17 of the RI Report (Anchor QEA and Aspect 2012)) and groundwater grab samples at BH-20C and BH-30C (Appendix A of the RI Report). Vertical extent of Benzo(a)pyrene approximate based on model predictions (Appendix A of this FS), adjusted to account for empirical data and artifacts from model cell size. Vertical extent of Naphthalene based on base of Deeper Alluvium.
- 3. Vertical extents of PRG exceedances on this figure consider fate and transport predictions of the RI groundwater model (Anchor QEA and Aspect 2012). Therefore, the estimated boundaries shown do not exactly match the estimated extent of contamination in Deep and Shallow groundwater shown on Figures 3-6 and 3-7.



Vertical Exaggeration X3.33

Figure 3-5 Cross-Section Showing Extent of Groundwater Exceeding PRGs





PTW Area Remedial Technology	% PTW Addressed by Technology (by vol.)
Capping	0%
ISS	100%
Excavation	0%

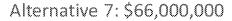
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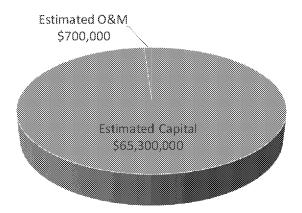
DNAPL = dense nonaqueous phase liquid

ISS = in situ solidification

O&M = operations and maintenance

PTW = principal threat waste





### Implementation Sequence

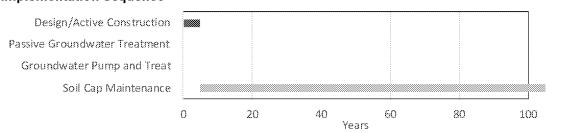
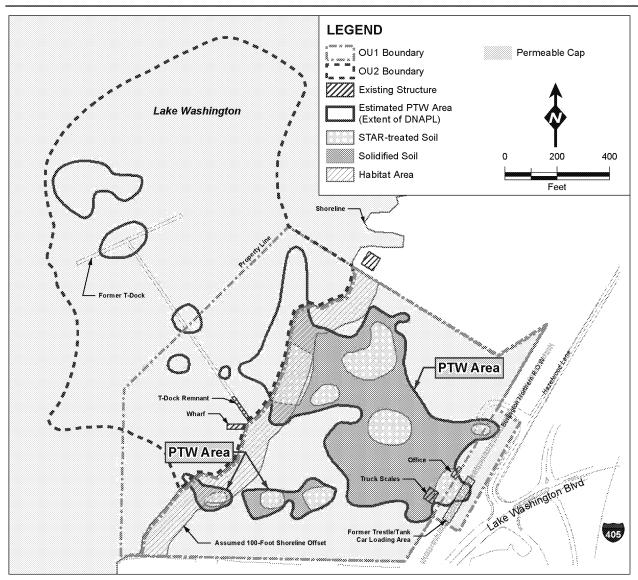


Figure 7-1 Alternative 7 – PTW Solidification





PTW Area Remedial Technolog	% PTW Area Addressed by Technology y (by vol.)
Capping	0%
STAR	57%
ISS	43%

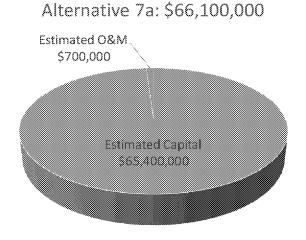
DNAPL = dense nonaqueous phase liquid

ISS = in situ solidification

O&M = operations and maintenance

PTW = principal threat waste

STAR = Self-sustaining Treatment for Active Remediation



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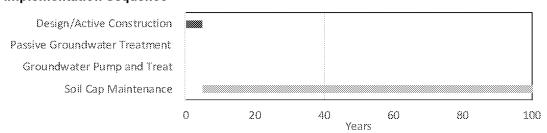
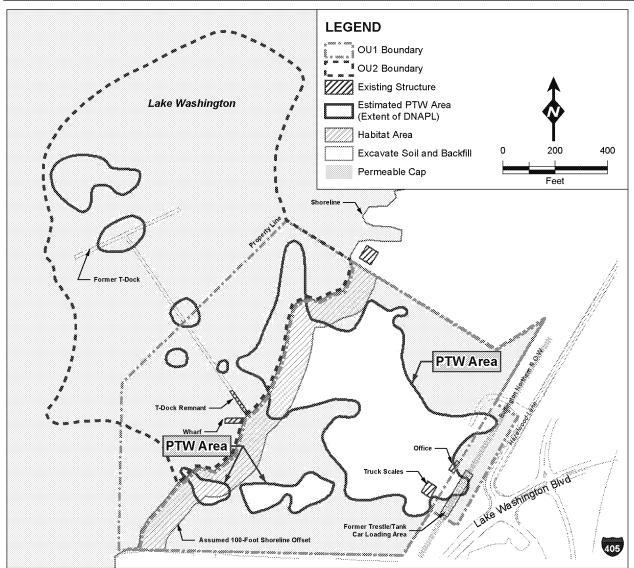


Figure 7-2 Alternative 7a – PTW STAR or Solidification





PTW Area Remedial Technology	% PTW Addressed by Technology (by vol.)
Capping	0%
ISS	0%
Excavation	100%

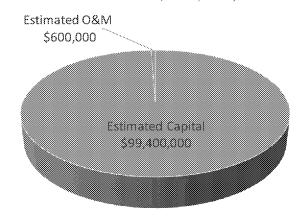
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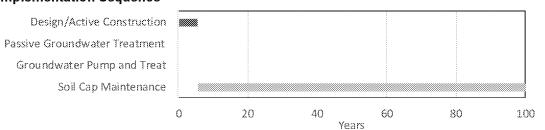
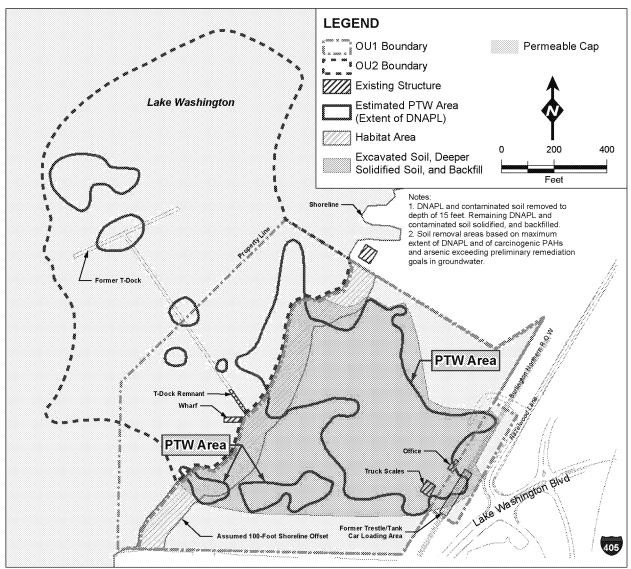


Figure 7-3 Alternative 8 – PTW Removal/Ex situ Thermal Treatment





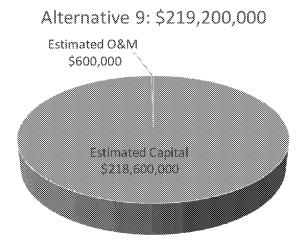
PTW Area Remedial Technology	% PTW Addressed by Technology (by vol.)
Capping	0%
ISS	28%
Excavation	72%

DNAPL = dense nonaqueous phase liquid

ISS = in situ solidification

O&M = operations and maintenance

PTW = principal threat waste



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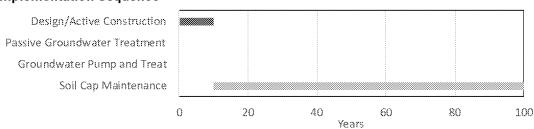
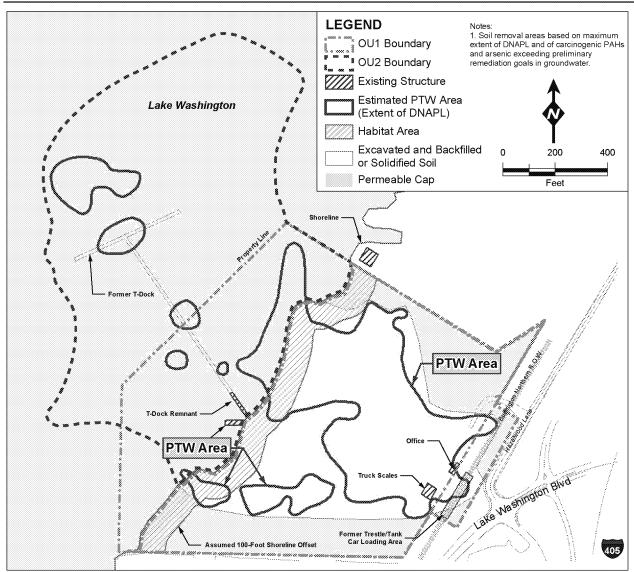


Figure 7-4 Alternative 9 – PTW and Contaminated Soil Solidification and Removal





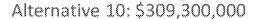
PTW Area Remedial Technology	% PTW Addressed by Technology (by vol.)
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ISS	0%
Excavation	100%

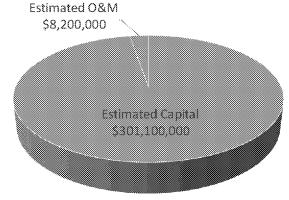
DNAPL = dense nonaqueous phase liquid

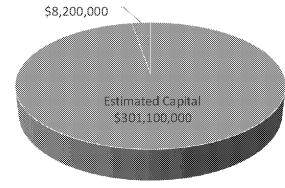
ISS = in situ solidification

O&M = operations and maintenance

PTW = principal threat waste







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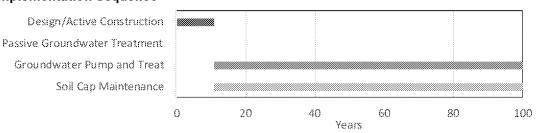
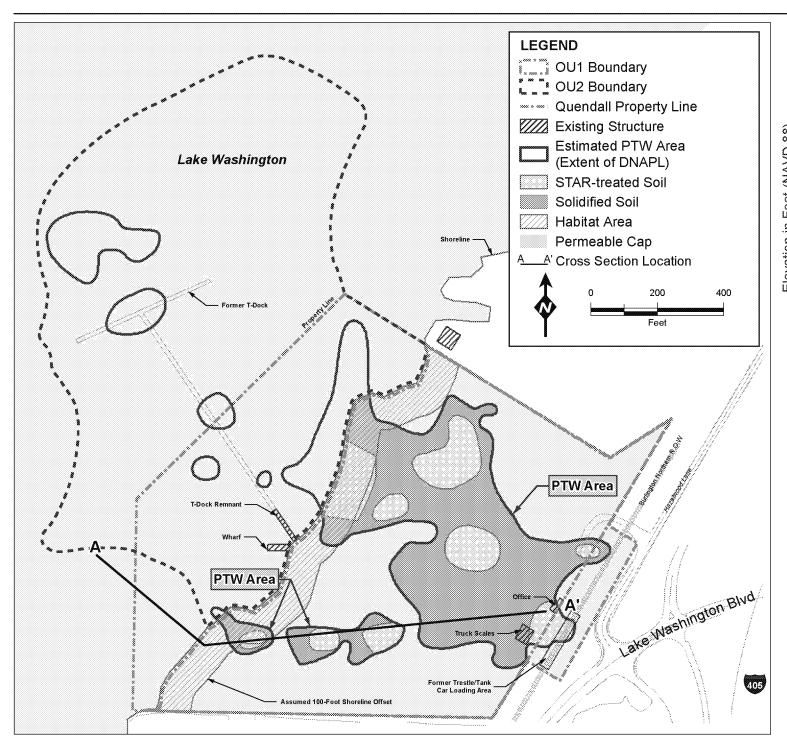
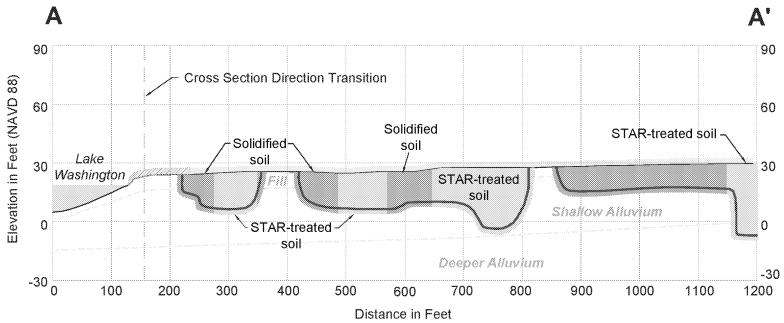
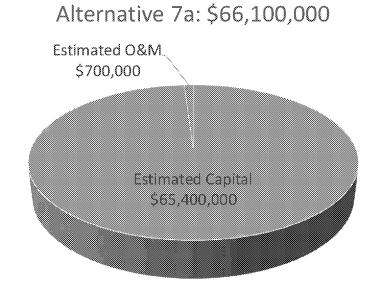


Figure 7-5 Alternative 10 - PTW and Contaminated Soil Removal and Active Groundwater Treatment









PTW Area Remedial Technology	% PTW Area Addressed by Technology (by vol.)
Capping	0%
STAR	57%
ISS	43%

DNAPL = dense nonaqueous phase liquid

ISS = in situ solidification

NAVD 88 = North American Vertical Datum 1988

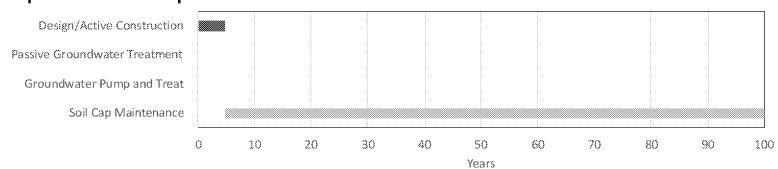
O&M = operations and maintenance

OU = operable unit

PTW = principal threat waste

STAR = Self-sustaining Treatment for Active Remediation

**Implementation Sequence** 



# Figure 9-1 Preferred Alternative 7a – PTW STAR or Solidification



Appendix A Alternative Cost Assumptions

#### APPENDIX A

## Alternative Cost Assumptions

This appendix includes the general assumptions used to estimate costs for the alternatives described in this Proposed Plan.

- All unit costs are identical to those presented in the Feasibility Study (FS) (Aspect and Arcadis, 2016), except for in-situ solidification (ISS) and for Self-sustaining Technology for Active Remediation (STAR).
- All FS costs, except for ISS and STAR unit costs are based on 2015 dollars.
- All contingency and mobilization assumptions, and percentages based on construction costs are identical to those presented in the FS.

ISS unit costs for 8-inch and 4-inch auger solidification were revised from \$70 and \$90 per bulk cubic yard (BCY) to \$129 and \$149, respectively, accounting for vapor extraction and treatment and air monitoring during all ISS operations, and subsurface debris removal and temporary enclosure (for odor control) during a portion of the ISS operations.

The FS-level cost estimate detail for Alternative 7a, which includes STAR in addition to ISS, is provided in Table A-1. Costs for STAR are from the vendor based on the results of the STAR Pre-Design Evaluation (PDE), with assumptions provided in Table A-2.

### Reference

Aspect Consulting, LLC and Arcadis US (Aspect and Arcadis). December 2016. *Feasibility Study, Quendall Terminals Site*. Prepared for: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 on behalf of Altino Properties and J.H. Baxter & Co. Available at <a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/work/10/100043827.pdf">https://semspub.epa.gov/work/10/100043827.pdf</a>.

### Table A-1 - Alternative 7a Cost Estimate

Quendall Terminals Renton, Washington

Remedial Action Description: Alternative 7a PTW STAR or Solidification Cost Estimate Accuracy: FS Screening Level (+50/-30 percent) Capping of Upland Soil (refer to Quendall FS Report Appendix E for calculations) 21.6 acre total area 940.896 SF total area permeable area along shoreline habitat excavation overlap total volume based on 3' cap thickness 133,521 SF 104,544 BCY total volume Soil/Sediment Density
1.6 tons/BCY soil density
1.3 tons/BCY sediment density 0.7 tons/CY organoclay density
Solidification in areas with less than 4 cumulative it of DNAPL Red font indicates revisions from 2016 Feasibility Study (FS) volume of soil to be solidified All other quantities, unit costs, and assumptions based on 160,300 BCY volume of soil at shallow depths to be solidified percentages of other costs are unchanged from the FS. volume of deeper soil to be solidified ltem Quantity Unit Unit Cost Total Cost Source Notes CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS Upland Soil Excavation and Capping Mobilization/Demobilization<sup>(1)</sup> 388,439 percentage of construction costs 149,040 Costworks includes temporary facilities for duration of construction clearing, grubbing brush and stumps non-woven, 120lb tensile strength Site Preparation \$ 22 acre 6,900 \$ Geotextile marker layer Import Fill - Permeable Cap 104,544 SY 104,544 BCY 104,544 BCY 158,907 Costworks 3,136,320 project experience Compaction 5 \$ 6 \$ 522,720 project experience Habitat Area - excavation 14.836 BCY 89.014 23,737 ton 14,836 SY 1,424,224 8,901 Costworks Habitat Area - non-hazardous transport and disposal 60 \$ Hydroseeding \$ includes seed and fertilizer for wetland area Stormwater collection and detention system 1,500 LF 40 60,000 project experience media filter drain 9.5% 5,937,565 \$ 564,069 Sales Tax Tax 6,501,634 \$ Contingency<sup>(2)</sup> Total Upland Soil Cap Cost 25% Solidification in areas with less than 4 cumulative ft of DNAPL 509 \$ 1,447,509 percentage of construction costs
129 \$ 20,678,700 project experience
149 \$ - project experience 1 LS 1.447.509 \$ Mobilization/Demobilization(1 includes temporary facilities for duration of construction Solidification - 8-ft diameter auger Solidification - 4-ft diameter auger 8-ft auger used to cost-effectively treat shallower soils
4-ft auger used to treat deeper soils, below 8-ft auger limit 160,300 BCY 22,126,209 Subtotal 9.5% 22,126,209 \$ 2,101,990 24,228,199 \$ Contingency(2) 30% 7,268,460 31,496,659 Total Upland Soil Solidification Cost STAR Application (RR, MC, and QP-U DNAPL Areas and >4-foot 14,900,000 vendor estimate 1 LS includes mob/demob and contingency Thickness) Subtotal 9.5% 14,900,000 \$ 1.415.500 Sales Tax Subtotal Construction Costs 55,939,201 rofessional Services (as percent of construction and contingency costs) 5% 55,939,201 \$ 2,796,960 Project management Remedial design 6% 55,939,201 3,356,352 Includes treatability studies for remedy components as necessary Construction management 6% 55,939,201 Total Estimated Capital Cost \$ 65,448,865 Updated cost to include STAR O&M COSTS 1st Year O&M 80,000 \$ 80,000 Project experience GW Monitoring 1 LS \$ 9.5% 80.000 \$ 7.600 Sales Tax 25% 87,600 \$ 21,900 109,500 Total 1st Year O&M Cost 25,000 \$ 1 LS 25,000 Project experience Groundwater Monitoring 20 wells annually Upland Cap inspection 6 hour \$ 80 9 labor estimate 25,480 2,421 9.5% \$ 25,480 \$ Sales Tax 27,901 Total Annual O&M Cost Professional Services (as percent of Annual O&M costs)
Project management/Reporting 10% 34,876 \$ 3,488 Total, Annual O&M: \$ 38.363 Total Estimated O&M, 100 Years, No NPV Analysis: 3,945,833 Periodic Costs TOTAL ESTIMATED COST, NO NPV ANALYSIS \$ 69,394,697 OMB Circular Net Present Value Analysis
Annual O&M 100 year 1 LS 1st year O&M 109,500 \$ 109,500 Discount rate for NPV 1.4% Total Estimated O&M and OMB Periodic NPV \$ 2,167,410 TOTAL ESTIMATED COST \$ 67,616,275 Alternate Net Present Value Analysis 38,363 100 year 109.500 \$ 109,500 7.0% Alternate discount rate for NPV Total Estimated O&M and Alternative Periodic NPV 656,916 TOTAL ESTIMATED COST \$ 66,105,781

### Notes

Abbilization/Demobilization costs are assumed to include equipment transport and setup, temporary erosion and sedimentation control (TESC) measures, bonds, and insurance

2. Contingency costs include miscellaneous costs not currently itemized due to the current (preliminary) stage of design development, as well as costs to address unanticipated conditions encountered during construction.

2. A 1.4% discount rate was used in the net present value analysis based on the 2015 OMB Circular real interest rate.
3. A 7.0% discount rate was used in the alternate net present value analysis as directed by EPA based on guidance found in OSWER No. 9355.0-75.

**Table A-2**Alternative 7a STAR Assumptions

Treatment Area (ft²)	101,495
Number of Ignition Points (IPs)	660
Number of Cells (IP clusters)	83
Number of Nodes (cell clusters)	6
Operating Time for 1 Treatment System (yrs)	2
Base Cost (\$)	8.0M
Operation Cost/Cell (\$)	82.6k - 87.9k
Total Cost - Base Case (\$)*	14.9M

- \* Using a base case of 1 ignition point (IP) per location within each treatment cell is supported as follows:
- STAR pre-design evaluation (PDE) findings indicate that, within a given treatment cell, the number of IPs that would not be installed based on lower total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH) concentrations is approximately balanced by the number of additional IPs that may be required to address multiple layers of contamination.
- Remedial Investigation (RI) data indicate approximately 25 percent of the total DNAPL treatment area may include multiple layers of contamination.

### k = thousand (dollars)

M = million (dollars)

### Costs Include:

- Remedy design, contracting, subcontracting;
- System installation, shakedown, operation; and,
- Project and construction management.

### Assumptions:

- Site is accessible and secured by others;
- Soil is amenable to STAR treatment (greater than 3,000 to 5,000 mg/kg TPH);
- Weighted average treatment depth of 19 ft bgs assumed -- note that total treatment areas and depths are based on ISS assumptions used for Alternative 5, found in the 2016 FS Tables E-7 (maximum DNAPL depth) and E-10 through 12 (square footage for Alternative 5 Thiessen polygons);
- Post-characterization performed by others;
- All permitting performed by others;
- Utility clearances performed by others;
- Removal of any drilling obstructions (foundations, utilities, wells, etc.) by others;
- Installation of ignition points using direct push;
- A surface cap is required;
- Sheet piling is not required and costs have not been included;
- 7 feet radius of influence and 1.4 feet per day propagation velocity;
- 8 wells operating at a time (as a treatment "cell");
- Thickness of 3 to 6 ft impacts can be treated from a single depth;
- Waste disposal by others;
- All costs in US\$;
- The Site will be powered by diesel/generators;
- Vapor treatment by regenerative thermal oxidation (RTO);
- Electricity cost of US \$0.08 per kWh, propane cost of \$1.10 per gallon, and diesel cost of \$3.00 per gallon has been included;
- Operational cycle time = 7 days per cell (5 day ignition and burn period, 2 days for setup/teardown/contingency);
- Operation will be staffed for 10 hours per day and remotely monitored otherwise;
- Treatment operations and drilling can occur concurrently.